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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

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APPOINTED A GENERAL STAFF OFFICER, 2ND GRADE.—Captain C. Bonham Carter, and to be seconded, dated 5th August, 1914 (London Gasette, 25th August, 1914).

APPOINTED BRIGADE MAJORS.—Captain R. J. T. Hildyard, dated 5th August, 1914, Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O. (London Gazette, 25th August, 1914).

LIEUTENANT TO BE CAPTAIN.—Frank Fisher, dated 5th August, 1914 (London Gazette, 25th August, 1914).

Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army, dated 1st July, 1914.

Second-Lieutenant J. E. G. Brown to be Lieutenant, dated 1st July, 1914.

Second-Lieutenant V. S. Clarke is promoted Lieutenant, dated 11th March, 1914 (*London Gazette*, 26th June, 1914).

To be Second-Lieutenants.—James Reginald Russell, Stuart Christian Tinne (London Gazette, 7th August, 1914); Arthur Trafalgar Williams, dated 12th August, 1914 (London Gazette, 11th August, 1914); Quarter-Master-Sergeant Wm. J. Alderman, dated 15th August, 1914; Evan Sinclair Kerr, Lionel H. Y. Pownall, Jack M. Harding, dated 15th August, 1914 (London Gazette, 14th August, 1914); G. G. Harris (3rd Battalion), dated 15th August, 1914.

To be Quarter-Master with the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant.—Color-Sergeant Edward Mills, dated 25th August, 1914.

1st BATTALION.

LANCE - CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—9278 J. Peacock, dated 15th July, 1914, 9032 C. Weller, dated 15th July, 1914.

Appointed Lance-Corporals.—7704 A. Hannan, dated 20th June, 1914; 9876 R. Laney, dated 16th June, 1914; 9802 A. Brown, dated 16th June, 1914.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the following officers 1st Battalion:—

Major C. G. Pack-Beresford.
Captain W. C. O. Phillips.
Lieutenant C. K. Anderson.
Second-Lieutenant M. F. Broadwood.

All killed in action at Mons, on August 23rd, and

three following days.

Major C. G. Pack-Beresford, who had over 24 years' service in the Regiment, was a born leader of men, with a great power of initiative, a wide horizon, and a keen sense of proportion. He possessed the greatest influence with both officers and men. A thorough sportsman. No officer was more respected and loved, and his death is a very serious loss to the Regiment. He served as Adjutant to the 1st Battalion from 1897 to 1900, was an Instructor at the Royal Military College from 1903 to 1906, and commanded the Depot from 1911 to 1914. Served in the N.W. Frontier, India, in 1897, medal and clasp, and in S. Africa in 1900—01, medal with clasps.

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Captain W. C. O. Phillips was a first-rate officer and much beloved by all. Formerly in 3rd Battalion, he joined the 1st Battalion in 1902, and served as Adjutant Territorial Forces 20th County of London from

1910 to 1913.

Lieutenant E. K. Anderson and 2nd-Lieut. M. F. Broadwood were officers of first promise, both of whom belonged to the county, the latter being a nephew of Major J. P. Dalison, a former officer of the Regiment.

WOUNDED.

Major P. Hastings.
Capt. G. D. Lister.
Capt. H. D. Buchanan Dunlop.
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch.
2nd-Lieut. W. K. Ames.
2nd-Lieut. A. A. E. Chitty.
2nd-Lieut. D. C. C. Sewell.

Of these Capt. Tulloch and Buchanan Dunlop are now at home and convalescent, and hope to return to the Regiment at an early date. Capt. Lister, who was very badly wounded in several places, has been reported as passing through Brussels as a prisoner of war by the Red Cross Society, who state he was in good health. 2nd-Lieut. A. A. E. Chitty, was shot through the lungs and also had his wrist broken, and his condition is believed to be serious. The condition of Major Hastings and 2nd-Lieuts. Ames and Sewell is unfortunately not known.

The following men have been seen by a late officer of the Regiment and are all doing well:—

10121 Pte. C. J. Waghorn Corpl. Thomas, B Co. Pte. J. Jex, B Co. Pte. T. Lock, A Co. 10229 Pte. F. Wilder Pte. Pearson Pte. Stokes Pte. Walton, D Co. Pte Pallitt Pte. Reed, D Co. Pte. Philpot Pte. Bourne, A Co. Pte. Bellingham 10033 Pte. G. Barnes. Pte. Stock 8118 Pte. H. Brushwood Pte. Harris 9607 Corpl. M. Catchpole 7677 Pte. G. Dickason Pte. Balls 7910 Sergt. H. Fuller Pte. Blair 8111 Pte. W. Jeffrey Pte. Brown 7573 Pte. T. Kennersley Pte. Doyle 7234 Lance-Corpl. A. Marks Pte. Powell 7755 Pte. J. Nixon Sergt. Young 7558 Pte. F. W. Palmer Pte. Newson 7758 Pte. A. Parker Pte. Golding Pte. Brown 8022 Pte. A. Pettett Pte. Hare 7417 Pte, T. Smith Pte. Baldwin 9367 Pte. A. R. Spicer Pte. Tex 5181 Corpl. A. Thomas 6691 Pte. C. Tompkins Pte. Gadd. 10049 Pte. W. T. Upton

WOUNDED IN THE CAMEROONS.

Lieut. W. G. Yates, 2nd Battalion, attached to Nigerian Regiment.

MAJOR C. G. PACK-BERESFORD.

Major Charles George Pack-Beresford entered the Army in 1889. He saw service on the North-West Frontier of India in 1897-8, being present at the action at Landakai and the operations in Bajaur and the Mamund country. He also bore a part in the attach and capture of the Tanga Pass, and was awarded the medal with clasp. Promoted captain in 1899, he was engaged in the South African War, and fought in the Orange River Colony in 1900-1, in the Transvaal, and in Cape Colony. For his services he was mentioned in in despatches, and awarded the Queen's medal (four clasps). Major Pack-Beresford, who was born in County Carlow, Ireland, in November, 1269, took over the command of the Maidstone Depot of the Royal West Kent Regiment in 1911 and remained at Maidstone until July 25th last, when he rejoined the 1st Battalion. He was exceedingly popular with the whole of the local forces, Regulars and Territorials alike. His last public appearance in the town was at the annual smoking concert of the Territorials, when he made an important speech, which he concluded thus: " Remember this: that war may come upon us with the greatest suddennesslike a thief in the night-and we must all hope that it will not find us as a nation unprepared." He also responded to a toast at the last mayoral banquet, in a speech which was much applauded. Major Pack-Beresford, who was unmarried, was a very able officer. "You ask any of his old non-commissioned officers what they think of him," said one of the Depot Sergeants. "They will all say that the Army has never had a finer soldier. He was an ideal Commandant and all ranks had implicit confidence in him. Certainly the West Kent Depot will never have a more considerate or more popular Commandant.

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS,

Capt. W. C. O. Phillips was also for a time attached to the Maidstone Depot. He was very fond of sports and will be remembered as the captain of the Depot Football Team, who won the Maidstone and District League Cup a few years ago. He was a fearless tackler and had a good turn of speed, while his fine shooting contributed much to the success of his side. Captain Phillips, after leaving the Depot, was appointed adjutant to the Territorlals at Blackheath and subsequently rejoined the 1st Battalion of the Royal West Kent. He was promoted to Captain two years ago.

Lieut. C. K. Anderson was the third son of Mr. G. K. Anderson, J.P., late of Hollywood, Frindsbury, and now of Bridge, near Canterbury. Lieut. Anderson was formerly in the 3rd (Militia) Battalion, and was one of the three officers selected from the Reserve to make up the number in the 1st Battalion on its accompanying the Expeditionary Force. He was 26 years of age.

Second Lieut. Maximilian Francis Broadwood was a son of Mr. Francis Broadwood, of Hever Court, Singlewell, near Gravesend, and a grandson of the late Mr. Maximilian H. Dalison, of Hamptons, near Tonbridge. He was only 21 years of age and had held a commission for two years. He was educated at Wellington College, Berkshire. The news of his death created great regret at Singlewell, where the family was held in high regard.

From the Kent Messenger, Maidstone.

THE CALL FOR RECRUITS.

MEETING AT THE CORN EXCHANGE.

Extract from a speech made by Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis, quoted in the Kent Messenger:

Mr. Cornwallis, who was loudly applauded, reminded the audience that this was the biggest task which we had undertaken in our history. Our national and our imperial existence depended upon the result of this war; but we had entered into it with a quiet determination -not noisily, not excitedlyand we were going to see it through (applause). He heard it said, though not lately, that it didn't matter to a working man earning 25s. or 30s. a week whether he lived under the German or British flag. As to that he would simply say this: that if Germany had had the same free constitution and the same liberty that we enjoyed under the British flag, this war would never have taken place. He did not think there could be a man or woman in England who did not prefer English liberty to German militarism, or who did not realise by this time that if we were to lose in this war our liberty, our selfrespect, our citizenship, and our ordinary habits of life would What had Belgium done for its little be swept away. Nationality? It had fought to its last man nobly, and we intended taht in time, if God willing, we would restore to it that nationality, and, as well as we could the damage it had suffered (loud applause). Proceeding, Mr. Cornwallis said that when, three days ago, Major Laurie asked him to speak at that meeting none present knew of the grievous loss our county regiment had suffered. We did not know of the sad loss of officers and men, all of whom had friends and many of whom had relatives in that town. We did not know then that we had lost that gallant Irishman, Major

Pack-Beresford, who only two months ago left his command in Maidstone, where he had endeared himself to all classes (applause). Our hearts went out to the relatives of him and other officers and men who fell with him, having nobly done their duty, and Kent was, as Lord Kitchener would say, proud of them (renewed applause). The Territorial Battalion which was linked to that regiment came to them that evening and asked the youth of Maidstone to do their part in filling the 300 vacancies which now existed in order to enable it to go as a whole Battalion on active service. They did not expect that Maidstone would provide the whole of the 300 recruits, but they did appeal to Maidstone to give its quota towards making up that 300. He could only ask those who were of the right age, and had the requsite physique and the other qualifications, to think this matter carefully over, and on the following morning to read the Prime Minister's speech; having done so he thought they could come to only one conclusion: that this was a just and unavoidable war. And if they came to that conclusion, then every young man must ask himself seriously what was his duty to himself and to his country, for every man must decide this matter for himself with his own conscience (hear, hear). Men had ties at home, some of which must be overpowering, even if a man desired to enlist; others had not such strong ties and could enlist. In this country we had no press gang, no conscription; the patriotism and love of freedom, the ever ready desire to help the oppressed, had ever been latent in the breasts of our people, and had filled the ranks of our army when occasion required (applause). When those ranks were filled the doggedness of our nature and the trust in ourselves, under Divine Providence, had always pulled us through (renewed applause). He was sure that the call of King and Country at this time would find a ready response in this county of Kent as in any other part of of the Kingdom and Empire (loud applause).

THE RETREAT FROM MONS.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT IN THE TRENCHES.

WOUNDED SOLDIER'S STORY.

From the Observer, September 13th, 1914.

A private of the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, who has returned wounded to his home at Erith, relates a thrilling

story of the retreat from Mons.

"About an hour before dawn on Tuesday, August 25th," he said, "we were all ordered to stand to arms, and the column was once more engaged in a retiring movement. About eleven o'clock the enemy began to gain ground owing to superiority in numbers, and the West Kents were ordered to support the rearguard.

"One interesting sight I saw was a duel between French and German airmen. It was wonderful to see the Frenchman

manœuvre to get the upper position of the German. After about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour he got on top, and blazed away with a revolver on the German. He injured him so much as to cause him to descend, and when found he was dead.

"We were fortunate enough not to be disturbed that night, and at dawn we again stood to arms, and we found the Germans close upon our heels. The column got on the move, and several regiments were ordered to entrench themselves. We found it very hot and fatiguing work with such very small tools to use. It was not long before the German artillery found our trenches and gave us rather a warm time. Our own artillery had to open fire at 2,100 yards, which was very close for artillery.

"I saw a battery in front of us put right out of action. There were only about six men left among them, and they were engaged in trying to get away the guns. This disaster was due to the accurate shell firing of the German artillery. In their efforts the brave gunners were not successful, owing to their horses being killed. An officer walked round the guns and put them out of action, or in other words, saw that they would be of no use to the Germans. required a great deal of bravery in the circumstances, because the enemy continued to keep up the heavy firing.

"Much bravery was also displayed by wounded comrades of the battery helping one another to get out of the firing line. About this time the enemy were advancing and hand-to-hand fighting was taking place in the trenches, the Argylls and several other regiments being engaged; but the nearest the

enemy came to us at this point was about 500 yards. "About this time owing to the artillery firing being so heavy and the British being in such comparatively small numbers, the officer in charge of my company deemed it wise to retire. It was rather late, and many of my comrades were cut down like corn owing to the deadly shrapnel firing. I myself was wounded at this point by a bullet from a Maxim gun. I thought my hand had been blown off, but I recovered and kept on the run and got into a trench, where I bandaged myself up. From there I continued to retire on my own, as I had lost touch with my section.

"When I got to the ambulance waggons, I found they were mostly filled with wounded who were in a far worse plight than I was. So I went along with the column, and a motor lorry came by and I got a lift to St. Quintin. Here I was attended to by French nurses and given soup

"Owing to the great number of wounded place it was deemed advisable to allow so walk to entrain to Havre. Here ag dressed, and we were put on board a Southampton, From there we were sent to Neu-I remained in the hospital a number of days and have no been allowed to return home on special sick furlough."

60 LEFT OUT OF 400.

THE LOSSES AT THE BATTLE OF MONS.

Sergeant G. W. Turner, of the Royal West Kent Regiment who was severely injured at Mons in a letter to the young lady to whom he is engaged, says:

"I was wounded about one and a half hours after the battle commenced and lay in the trenches for nine hours. The bullets and shells were flying all round and did not cease till after dark. Then was my only chance to get out. I crawled on my hands and knees to a little inn, and there my wounds were dressed.

"The officer of my Company, who was some distance away, sent a stretcher to carry me away, but I had two wounded men with me who could not stand, so I let one of them have the stretcher and I managed to walk the distance of one mile.
"We lost a lot of men yesterday. One Company was nearly wiped

out. Out of two Companies of 400 men only 60 are left.

"The women who are looking after us are very brave. The sight of the wounded when I came here last night was enough to turn trained nurses, but they do their work bravely.

"To-day, since I have been in hospital, shrapnel has been bursting all round, but the hospital was not touched, except for one bullet which

struck a window.'

ESCAPE FROM GERMAN CAPTORS.

Lance-Corporal Stock of the Royal West Kent Regiment, tells of the adventures of himself and two comrades after

having been cut off from their regiment :-

On the retirement of the British troops from Mons [he says] three of us became detached from B Company. We were chased by a party of Germans, but we eventually got into a Belgian police station. We stopped there till dusk, and then made our way through the German transport. We thought we were going in the right direction to reach our own troops, when suddenly we were held up by a German sentry. He called his guard out, and they took us prisoners, tying us with rope to some trees. After a time I managed to loosen my rope, and then I cut my two chums free.

We at once started off on what we thought was the safest We got into some civilian clothes at a farm, where we were also given some food. We then commenced to tramp in a northerly direction, thinking we should find some of our own troops or some Belgians. We tramped four days before we came to any Belgian troops at all. We encountered several German transport columns on our way, and went through them all without being observed. Eventually we got to Termonde and reported ourselves to a Belgian general, who sent us on to the British Consul at

Antwerp.

News of the World, Sept. 13th, 1914.

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SPEECH.

Times, September 10th.

FINE SPIRIT OF THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

What is probably the first public speech in the country by an officer who was wounded at Mons was made at Tilehurst, Reading, on Tuesday evening, when Captain Buchanan Dunlop, son of Colonel Buchanan Dunlop, of Reading, addressed a meeting held with the object of securing more recruits. Captain Dunlop's head was swathed in surgical bandages, he having been injured by a shell. His simple, unadorned story made a very deep impression, with the result that a gratifying number of young recruits "signed on" at the end of the meeting. He said :-

I am afraid I am very bad at public speaking; I have never done such a thing before, and I will ask you to have patience with me. I will also ask you not to applaud at all, as it will only put me off anything I want to say. The first thing I would like to say is that during the past week of fighting all the time we were having this fight and retiring we got no news whatever, and did not know whether things were going right or wrong. And so when one comes home here and finds England is waking up I think it will be the best message I can take back, and I hope to get back next week.

I think England might get a very good lesson from the inhabitants of France and Belgium. All the way as we proceeded through that country all the inhabitants turned out and did all they could for us. They brought us coffee, bread and butter, cigarettes, and anything they could think of. The ladies even turned out balls of string in case the men might find them useful, and handkerchiefs. We advanced up through this country, and then had to retire through it. You can imagine our feelings going back through the same country that we had previously traversed. This did not make the slightest difference to the way we were treated by the inhabitants. They brought us coffee and the rest of things just as before. Their one desire appeared to be to help us, and they seemed to place the utmost reliance on Great Britain and our troops, although they knew that our numbers were small.

They could not understand why we were retiring, but they never seemed to murmur. Fugitives flying from their homes were eager to give us of the food which they were carrying back for their own consumption. What struck us the whole time was the thought, if this was in England! What an awful thing it would be to have an invading army in England, and all that is now going on in France. Mind you, these Germans do a good bit of damage to the town and churches. I do not say they do it recklessly. What I saw came about by shell fire, but there were a good many churches and actual buildings blazing away owing to the shell fire. When I came back from Havre and realized that the Germans could have Boulogne, Calais, and Harve, it began to seem that the Germans were getting rather near home.

TWO STORIES.

I will tell you just two little stories which will show you how our men have plenty of pluck and fight left in them still. I was talking to an officer of my own regiment in town yesterday, he was also wounded, and he told me about a fight on Wednesday week when one of his men lying just in front of him under heavy shell fire, turned to him and said, "Sir, may I retire?" "Why?" asked the officer. "Sir," replied the man, "I have been hit three times." That is the sort of spirit that our men are showing out there.

Here is another little incident :- On the very first day we were holding a canal bank, and during the night we had orders to retire, having held the enemy off all day. We were to blow up the bridges. By some mishap a sergeant with ten men were left on the wrong side of that canal with the Germans about 200 yards in front. We could hear the Germans talking. The next morning when we called the roll, we expressed sorrow at thinking that this sergeant and his men had been captured. In the morning, when they found they were cut off, what did they do? They did not put up their hands but blazed away at the Germans, with the result that the Germans fled and the sergeant and his men got away.

Those are little stories, but they show that we are not afraid of the Germans, though we have had a bit of a tough time. No, we are not afraid of the Germans, but the Germans are very much afraid of us. In fact, our "grouse" is that

they won't come near us. My own battalion has had to do most of its shooting from 800 to 900 yards. We want them to get a bit closer. They keep a long way away and shell us all day, and that is about all they do. Of course, for strategic reasons, we have to keep on retiring, but we are only waiting for the time when we can go forward at them, and then I don't expect that the Germans will stand very long. The German soldier hates the bayonet and does not seem inclined to give us a chance of using it.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

FAMOUS 13TH BRIGADE.

From the Morning Post.

The first important list of casualties in the British Expeditionary Force was issued last night. It is the first instalment of the Roll of Honour from the four days' battle of Mons-Cambrai, where the British troops withstood the shock of the

flower of the German Army.

The battle was one of the greatest that the British have ever fought, for the combatants in the fight and near vicinity in support numbered nearly half a million men. The greater part of these forces were German, and they were sent against the Allied Left Flank as a decisive attempt to achieve a great result and turn the seaward section of the long line. Had they done so the way would have been prepared for a triumphant anniversary of Sedan. It was the British Expeditionary Force which checked the movement of last week, and secured the safety of the whole line. It was not a victory, but the check was administered with skilful withdrawal before overwhelming odds, and the significance of the four days' fight, its vital consequence, and its great effect on future operations cannot be over-estimated.

It was a brilliant achievement, and enormous losses were inflicted on the five German Army Corps and Cavalry Divisions, who flung their massed weight upon the British lines. The German Guards, both foot and horse, and the Brandenburgers and Hanoverians were swept from their feet by the wonderfully effective and well-controlled fire of the British Infantry. Our losses were heavy, practically 5,500, but the smallness of the casualty list just issued is accounted for by the fact that in the retirement, where such masses pressed closely on our front, numbers of men would lose distance at streams, on broken ground, at villages, or in woods, and before they could link up, the cavalry a few hundred yards behind them would take them prisoners. However, numbers of the missing are arriving by various routes, and although the total of those not accounted for must include some wounded, there is reason to believe that the majority are safe, as many were able to get from the flank to the

The 1st Royal West Kent Regiment was another battalion to suffer heavily, and Major C. G. Pack-Beresford was among those killed. He was very well known and was at Malakand and among the frontier tribesmen of India in many a stiff fight. This battalion is in the same brigade as the 2nd Yorkshire L.I., and as the remaining units of that command also had several killed, it is clear that the 13th Infantry Brigade

occupied one of the most hotly assailed portions of the line. The other units were the 2nd K.O.S.B. (whose colonel was wounded) and the 2nd West Riding Regiment, Major P. B. Strafford being among the dead of the latter.

WOUNDED MEN'S TALES.

A private of the West Kent Regiment, who went through the Boer war, said that was a game of skittles compared with Mons. "The Germans," he continued, "came at us in great masses. It was like shooting rabbits, only as fast as you shot one lot down another lot took their place. We had plenty of time to take aim, and if we weren't reaching Bisley standard all the time we must have done a mighty lot of execution. As to their rifle fire, the Germans couldn't hit a haystack."—The Times, 10th September.

A lance-corporal of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, who was also wounded at Mons, where the West Kents lost four officers killed, including Major Pack-Beres-

ford, describes what he saw of the fight :-

We reached Mons on Saturday afternoon, August 22nd, the day before the battle. We at once commenced to entrench, and were still engaged on this work when the Germans fired their first shell, which wrecked a house about twenty yards away. Then we got ready for the fight. We made loopholes in a wall near the house and remained there for 15 hours under a heavy fire of shrapnel. The Germans came across the valley in front of us in thousands, but their rifle fire as they advanced was absolutely rotten, and such damage as they did was done by the big guns which covered their advance. Numerically the Germans were far superior to us, and as soon as one lot was shot down another took its place.

We retired from Mons about 4 o'clock on Monday morning to a little village on the borders of France. We kept up a rear-guard action all the way, and it was in this that I was wounded. A shell dropped close to me, and some fragments penetrated my left leg. I was thrown to the ground, and for a time lay unconscious. When I recovered I found my rifle and ammunition were missing, having, I supposed been taken by the Germans, who evidently thought I was dead. I last saw Major Pack-Beresford, who was in charge of B Company, about an hour before he fell. He was leading his men to the top of a hill, and I heard him shout, as he rushed forward "Come on, boys: they are all ours," referring to some

advancing Germans."-Times, 10th September.

The following retired officers of the Battalion are employed as follows:—

Major-General Alderson, C.B., Commanding Yeomanry Division, Bury S. Edmunds.

Colonel Harrison, Colonel Style, Captain Malony, and Captain Elgood, on line of communications.

Colonel Maunsell, Major Venables, and Captain Lees, at Depot.

Major Moore, Central Telegraph Office.

Major Annesley, D.S.O., America Cable Company

Captain Annerly, Recruiting Officer, Whitehall.

Major Hotham, Captain Snow, Captain Hotham, and Lieut. Hudson, with 6th Service Battalion.

Major Smith, A. O. D., Aldershot.

Captain Druce, Brigade Major, Tidworth.

Captain Burbuey and Captain Wilson, with 3rd Battalion.

Extracts from a letter written by Private J. Jex, B Company, to a late Officer of the Regiment.

"My insteps were both put out through marching to Mons, where the great battle started on Sunday morning when we were just going to take a rest. We started digging trenches, and were getting on all right when all of a sudden they opened a shell fire on us. An hour before General Cutburt was standing on top of our trench and gave us a good name for our good work. We dug a trench 170 feet long, 3 feet deep, and 2 feet wide, and got some sleepers from the railway and put them across the top, and then we put some sand bags, so we had a nice place to pop at them. You ought to see them go down like rotten sheep. I was the oldest soldier in my trench, so I said to my mates "Come on boys, let's have a volley," and they all fell down. Then we kept quite still till we spotted a maxim gun, and we had another volley at that, and as we did not get any shots back I believe we put it out of action. Well, about half-an-hour after that they came up in hundreds and thousands, so they made a nice target, you could not miss it if you were a third class shot, you were bound to hit something, you could not miss. I think we were under shell fire about ten hours, and not one of us that was in my trench was hit, as I was always learnt to keep my head down, and not get your head too high up in the trenches, that is the main thing in this war, or lie down as flat as you can. I learnt that in Mons, and also at Mauberge and Cambrai. I think where Major Pack Beresford was killed was at Cambrai, and then I heard a few minutes after that Company Sergeant-Major Saunders got shot in the chest and died a few minutes after, and after that we lost a few more men where my half brother got shot in both hands, he was in D Company and is now in Netley Hospital. Colonel Martyn was going on fine, fit and well when I left the Battalion at Mons, where I was sent back by a Staff Major. The people in Cambria have been very good to all of us, and also the General Staff.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

"The other day I stopped to assist a young lad of the West Kents who had been badly hit by a piece of shell. He hadn't long to live, and he knew it too. I asked him if there was any message I could take to someone at home. The poor lad's eyes filled with tears as he answered, 'I ran away from home an 'listed a year ago. Mother and dad don't know I'm here; but you tell them from me I'm not sorry I did it.' When I told our boys afterwards about that they cried like babies; but, mind you, that's the spirit that's going to pull England through this war, and there isn't a man of us that dosen't think of that poor boy and his example every time we go into fight."—CORPORAL SAM HASLETT.

DEPOT NOTES.

At midnight on August 4th, England declared war against Germany.

Since that date the town of Maidstone has undergone a change; from a quiet humdrum county town. It has blossomed into a Garrison one, of some considerable importance.

It is inadvisable perhaps to state the strength and composition of the garrison; but we have some of all kinds, horse, foot, and wheel.

The Depot may also be said to have undergone a change, not only as regards officers and men, but in the sphere of duties for which a regimental depot was never intended to carry out.

The mobilization of the Reverists and their departure has filled in the transition stage, from the Depot in time of peace, to what it is now, in time of war.

In fact, we might almost claim to be in the war area.

The Reservists came up splendidly, and their equipment and dispatch to their respective units, was carried out like clockwork.

All our efforts here now are centered in recruiting for Kitchener's New Army, or rather in particular for the 6th (Service) Battalion Q.O.R.W. Kent Regiment, as this Battalion has been designated.

These recruits receive a short training here, and are then sent in batches of 100 or 80 to join their Battalion which is forming at Colchester.

From the material that has come forward, and the quickness with which their recruits have picked up their drills everything points to the making of a very fine Battalion.

Major P. M. Robinson has been appointed to the command.

It has been difficult to keep any true record of officers at the Depot.

It has been a case of here to-day and gone to-morrow.

Colonel G. W. Maunsell has taken over command.

Other old officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment are constantly arriving and departing, in evidence of the fact that they are anxious to give their services for their King and country, in this hour of need.

At the time of writing the 1st Battalion has disappeared into the unknown with the Expeditionary Forces, all good luck follow them, and a safe return, with many more battle honours to add to those on their colours.

The 3rd Battalion have taken up their duties in a very important place, in the National Scheme of Defence.

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To THE EDITOR,

DEAR SIR,

We regret to say that the Subscription Sub-Committee of the National Relief Fund has heard of a good many cases in which use has been made of its name, or of the names of those connected with it, with the object of securing support for appeals which are quite unauthorised.

We hope you will be so good as to permit the appearance of this letter, the object of which is to inform your readers that they may be assured that any extravagant or grotesque appeals emanate from persons who have neither the authorisation nor the support of this Committee.

Yours faithfully,

C. ARTHUR PEARSON,
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Joint Secretaries,
Subscription Sub-Committee,
National Relief Fund.

August 24th, 1914.

To H R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON.

I beg to enclose £ s. d. as a donation to the National Relief Fund.

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2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

R.A.T.A NEWS,

Now, Mr. Editor, to keep my promise to provide you with some interesting news as to the progression of our Branch. Undoubtedly the foremost topic is the long looked for visit of the General Secretary. Do you know, Mr. Editor, the members of the Queen's Own mark it a Red Letter Day, for five years have elapsed since his last visit, and no little surprise occurred when it became known that the General Secretary was to call upon us. Under these circumstances it was not surprising to hear such remarks as the following :- "What's that! The General Secretary coming? Never!" Again, "I'd hardly believe it. What, after all these years?" I must quote these, dear Editor. You never know what effect it may have next year. Well, now as to the actual proceedings. A variety concert had been arranged to meet the "General," and no efforts had been spared to make the event Previous to the "Gaff" the Vice-President, Quartermaster-Sergeant A. L. Bellion, the Branch Secretary. Sergeant F. Hare, and the Company Committeemen met the General Secretary at tea and many interesting items on temperance were discussed. I might mention, Mr. Editor, that I, "The Branch Reporter," should have been present, but the strains of "The Boards" proved too much, and during these proceedings I was "in the land of dreams" or to put it more "Tommylike," I was "Neechying." Still I had a chat with him in the evening. Regarding the concert I can only say it was a complete success and to dwell on the merits of the "turns" individually would take up too much of your valuable space, but I have appended the programme below. All "Artists" did themselves absolute credit, but I should like to add that the Queen's Own R.A.T.A. Dramatic Club can boast of a "Show," may I say "Second to None" in the country. During the interval, the General Secretary made some very intesesting remarks on the work of the R.A.T.A. generally, and supplied some very valuable information regarding the interest the Royal Army Temperance Association takes in the future of members when leaving the service from the employment point of view. enlightened us as to the emigration question and no doubt many of our members Time Expired this year will seriously consider what he said in this respect. The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, was also present, and replied to our "distinguished visitors" remarks.

R.A.T.A. VAUDIVILLE COMPANY.

Programme of concert on 6th July, 1914:—Overture, Pianist; opening chorus, Company; duet, "Convent Bells," Ptes. Pryer and Cummings; song, "Down for the day,"

Pte. Milligan; song, "Never mind," Ptes. Shand and Saunders; song, "Breezy Sailor," Sergt. Hare; song, "Irish Emigrant," Pte. Cummings; rag, "Ragtime Train," Ptes. Hehir and Dent; recitation, "Indian Mutiny," Corpl. Thomas; song, "Girl in brown," Ptes. Fisher and Jennings; song, "Golden Sun," Pte. Saunders; sketch, entitled "A Life for a Life": Arthur Granville, Corpl. Masters; Cecil Granville (his son), Lance-Corpl. Runacres; Robert Hartley, Corpl. Thomas; Mr. Bailey (a detective), Sergt. Hare; Charles (his assistant), Dr. Tapp; Thomas (the butler), Pte. Cummings. Song (comic), "Went up to the bar," Lance-Corpl. Funnell and Pte. Wills; song, "I'll meet you in my dreams," Pte. Shand; song, "Be one of the party," Sergt. Hare; dance, Pte. Jennings; rag, "Ragtime lullaby," Ptes. Hehir and Dent; recitation, "Landi Akia," Corpl. Thomas; song, "Topical," Ptes. Miller and Milligan; song, "Star of Eve," Pte. Cummings; song, "Esplanade," Pte. Jennings and Dr. Fisher; song, "Mansion of Aching Hearts," Pte. Pryer; sketch, entitled "The Doctor's Shop": Dr. Bogie (London doctor), Lance-Corpl. Funnell; Willie Nibs (his assistant), Pte. Dent; Miss Daisy Dale, Pte. Hehir; Bobby Pimp, Pte. Willis; Mr. Mayo, Pte. Milligan. God save the King Emperor.

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

DEAR EDITOR,

Not wishing to cram your columns with R.A.T.A. correspondence, I shall only deal with the visit of the General Secretary. His visit was very much welcomed by the members of the branch, this being the first time he has

visited the branch since we have resided in India.

Would the Secretary of the 1st Battalion in future please furnish the Draft with clearance cards, stating medals in possession. This would save much dispute with members of the Draft, as several have been up for medals they should have received at home. According to rolls that have been sent out they are in possession of the medals they ask for here. We here don't like to refuse them, consequently the cost of medals is a big item in our accounts.

Yours obediently, F.E.H., Hon. Sec. R.A.T,A.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

3412 Sergt. E. Soughton has been permitted to claim his discharge after three months' notice, dated 30th June, 1914.

The following N.C.O's have been noted for posting to units as under:—

4736 Sergt. W. Tranter to P.S. Kent Cyclist Battalion, Tonbridge; 7720 Sergeant W. Bishop to 20th C. of London Battalion, Blackheath.

For posting to Permanent Staff, 3rd Battalion R.W. Kent Regt. 4596 Colr.-Sergt. E. Goulds, 5614 Sergt. J. Hayley and 5752 Sergt. T. Fletcher.

The undermentioned have extended their service with the Colors.—

8442 Corpl. J. Quinlan, 8755 Pte. E. Saville, 8358 Musn. H. Barden, 8575 Pte. E. Card, 8343 Pte. R. Shepherd, 8536 Pte. G. Cook, 8630 Pte. H. Haig, 8596 Pte. C. Preston, 8649 Pte. E. Catt, 8540 Pte. E. Mulchay.

8377 Pte. J. Winnan ceased to be employed as officiating 3rd grade Sergt. 1st Divisional Office, from 15th July, 1914. 5179 Pte. A. Sarney has been appointed to officiate as 3rd grade Sergt. 1st Peshawar Divisional Office from the same date.

The undermentioned have re-engaged to complete 21 years' with the colors:—

6596 Pte. J. Sellen.

9628 Pte. P. Smith has qualified as a Military Telegraphist and has been awarded a certificate, dated 3rd July, 1914.

9715 Pte. T. Sinden has been transferred to the Royal Sussex Regt. at Peshawar, from 31st July.

The undermentioned have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, dated 15th July, 1914:—

Lce.-Corpls. 7283 W. Earl, 9189 S. Horsman, 9553 F. Ward, 9253 W. Puplett, 8621 A. Savage; Privates 9023 G. Barber, 9564 C. Goldsmith.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as under:— Lce.-Corpls. 9359 J. Burch two, 9912 H. Woodgate one; Pvts. 9288 T. Golding two, 9911 F. Bird one, 9913 H. Broad one, 8898 G. Vickers two, 9136 G. Attwood two, 9658 J. Butler one, 8361 W. Platt two, 9840 J. Dray one, 9280 S. Cahill two, 6776 H. Peirce one, 8911 W. Johnson one.

DEPOT TRAINING BATTALION.

No. 7 and 8 Companies of the 3rd Battalion R. W. Kent Regiment have joined up with Detachments of the 3rd Queen's and 5th and 6th Middlesex Regiments at Chatham, and have formed a training Battalion whose numbers fluctuate in a remarkable manner. Captain P. A. Wilson commands the Detachment of The Queen's Own and the Depot Battalion is under the command of Major G. Bridgman of the 6th Middlesex Regiment.

BIRTH.

At Dalhousie, India, on the 16th July, 1914, the wife of 7720 Sergt. W. Bishop of a son, Albert.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

It is with deep regret the Editor has to record the death of the following officers of the 1st Battalion killed in action at the battle of the Marne:—

Captain F. Fisher. Lieut. H. M. Vicat.

Died of wounds received in the retreat from Mons :-

Major P, Hastings. 2nd Lieut. W. K. Ames.

The following officers wounded at Mons are now convalescent:

Captain R. M. G. Tulloch.
Captain H. D. Buchanan Dunlop.

The first named has already returned to duty at the front.

Major Hastings served with the 1st Battalion in the Campaign on the N. W. Frontier of India, 1897-98; Malakand, action of Landakai, operations in Bajaur and in the Mamenrd Country, Buner, attack and capture of the Tanga Pass; medal with clasp. He was appointed to the Regiment in 1894, promoted Captain in 1902, and Major, 1912.

Captain Fisher was appointed 2nd Lieutenant to the Regiment in 1903; promoted Lieutenant in January, 1906, and Captain in August of this year.

Lieut. Vicat was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in January, 1905, and promoted in May, 1908.

2nd Lieut. Ames was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in March, 1912.

DEPOT NOTES.

The 12th week of the war, and the Depot is still the Depot in spite of the fact that the Germans are nearer to Maidstone than when our last number was published. The 7th, 8th and 9th Service Battalions have sprung into being since that date. The 7th at Purfleet (Essex), 8th at Shoreham-on-Sea (Sussex), and 9th at Chatham.

The news from the front from the 1st Battalion is most cheerful, and that in spite of much shell fire, hard work and wet weather.

The following information has been received by me from the Officer Commanding 1st Royal West Kent Regiment:— The following are well on the 16th inst.: Colonel Martyn, Major Buckle, Captain Tulloch, Captain Grant, Captain Beeman, Lieut. Newton, Lieut. Gore, Lieut. Tinne, Lieut. Russell, Lieut. Kerr, Lieut. Harding, Lieut. Rogers, Capt. Keenlyside, Capt. Legard, Lieut. Palmer, Lieut. White, Lieut. Whitehouse, Lieut. Pownall, Lieut. Williams, Lieut. Holloway, Lieut. Furber; Lieut Moulton-Barrett very slightly wounded on the 13th, off daty one day; Lieut. McCleland was invalided on the 11th, run down.

G. W. MAUNSELL, Colonel, Commanding Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment. Maidstone, October 10th, 1914.

There are a few bound copies of "Queen's Own Gazette," 1908 to 1913, available for sale. Price one guinea. Application should be made to the Editor.

The Editor is sorry that owing to a super-abundance of copy this month, a good deal of correspondence from the 2nd Battalion from Multan, must be held over for a future publication.

There is one item of Depot news that should not go unrecorded in these strenuous times.—Picture rails are now being put in in the Officers' quarters by the Military Works Department. The ante-room and Officers' quarters have

also been repainted and painted during the past two months. It will be therefore observed that the greatest war the world has ever known, and the enemy only just across the water, cannot deter this Department from carrying on their good works.

The Germans must take us seriously.

The boom in recruiting appears to have subsided for the present, and the Barrack Square has resumed its normal appearance. It is estimated that on some occasions during the rush, some 1,400 men were housed and fed in the Barracks. The cooks and dining-room staffs responded splendidly to the extra demands made upon them, and there is no record of any recruit not having had anything but full replenishment for his needs.

THE BARRACKS, MAIDSTONE,

8th October, 1914.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have not time to write very much, but I would be greatly obliged if you will publish this list of donations which I have up-to-date received in answer to Sir Edmund Leach's appeal for funds to supply "comforts," etc., for our men at the Front.

I may say I am in communication with Colonel Martyn, Commanding 1st Battalion, who has asked me to keep the money for a short time; he will write and let me know what articles would be most appreciated by the men. I will then purchase them and send them out.

In this connection I may say that I am receiving all subscriptions and keeping the accounts, etc., of this fund, while Mrs. Martyn, 15, Victoria Park, Dover, is receiving all comforts (shirts, socks, tobacco, cigarettes, etc.) and dispatching them about once a fortnight in small parcels to the 1st Battalion on the Continent.

Any parcels, however, which are sent to me I will of course forward them at once to Mrs. Martyn.

The following is a list of donations I have received up to 8th October.

The list is a rough one but it is accurate.

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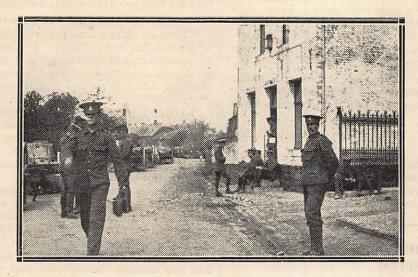
G. W. MAUNSELL, Colonel,

Commanding Depot

Royal West Kent Regiment.

ROYAL WEST KENTS AT THE FRONT.

PHOTO BY AN OFFICER.



By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette."

This photo shows a group of officers at the front of a house near Mons. The centre figure seated on the steps is the late Major Pack-Beresford. Standing in the doorway is Captain Lister (wounded), and the standing officer facing Major Pack-Beresford is Captain Kennyside. One of the two officers sitting by the fence at the side of the house is Lieutenant Sewell (died of wounds).

ADVENTURES OF THE MISSING.

KENTISH PRIVATE'S WANDERINGS. From the Daily Mail.

Here is an example. Private H—, of the West Kent Regiment, was obliged to fall out during retreat because his feet were sore. One little toe turned inwards and caused him acute pain.

"Where was it you fell out?"

"Don't know the name of the place. Somewhere neat Saint Quentin, I believe. We'd been in a battle there. Nor our first battle? Oh, no, that was a long way off. Somewhere in Belgium, I fancy. We got badly left, but Captain T— (that was the captain of my company) he got us out fine. Hardly a man killed. One there was, a lance-corporal. He asked for it, he did, though. Put his head up when we were lying in the trenches and a shell came and took it off. Found his way splendid, Captain T— did, till we joined our division again.

"He was wounded at Saint Quentin. Sat on a hillock he had before that, laughing at the shells falling around him.

Then he was hit-not killed, oh, no.

"It was after this, as we were going back—to Boolong I heard several say—that my feet gave out. I was left in a village, and there I found another man, Private K—, of the Yorkshire Light Infantry. We got a night's lodging in a baker's shop, and next morning we saw some transport coming through. 'Come on,' I says to K—, 'we'll get a lift in a wagon.' But just as I was going out of the shop the baker hollers out and I saw it was German transport, K—was in the street already. Fortunately he had his coat off. The Germans did'nt take any notice of him.

"We had to stay there all day, and at night we started off. Next day we hid in a field with a hedge along it, just like England. We heard a motor-car coming along, and when we looked out we saw a German officer was in it. Quick as you could say 'knife' K— and me put our rifles to our shoulders and the barrels on the top of the hedge. When the officer saw them he went white—really he did. He ducked his head and so did the chauffeur, and they put on full speed and flashed by us. I can tell you we laughed!

"It was either that day or the next—yes, it must have been the next—that we got pretty hungry. We were in a wood, with a village down the hill. K— says, 'I don't care whether there are Germans there or not' (we knew all right there was); 'I'm not going to he hungry for no Germans. I'm going to get some grub.' So down he went, rifle, pack, and all, got a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread for fivepence and came back, no one saying a word to him!

AMONG DRUNKEN UHLANS.

"When we was prisoners—oh, didn't I tell you how we was made prisoners? It was like this. We saw an infantry patrol on a road and ran into a plantation; ran right into a Uhlan on horseback with a great steel lance. He called the others, and they took away our accourtements, took away everything they could, and marched us along to the village where they were staying. They put us in a house and kept us there. Didn't ill-treat us except when they were drunk. Drunk often? Every night, pretty well. Then some of them would kick us. No, not very hard.

"One night our sentry went to sleep. Drunk, I think. We slipped away and got out of the village without anyone noticing us. We got to some quarries and the quarry master thought we were Germans. But when he found we were English he took us in and gave us the best he had.

"When we moved on from the quarries we picked up some other stragglers and nearly got finished off by a French cavalry regiment. They thought we were Germans too, although by that time we had a French officer with us. They took us along with them. All right, that was. Number of 'em could speak English, good English. I found one man who had worked close to me in London.

"We had a fight while we were with them. They were escort to a convoy and the Germans attacked it, but we beat them off, and then we collared a convoy of theirs, twenty-three motor-wagons and cars. It was one of them I came back in. That's how I got here."

Such a delightful boy, clean and healthy, clear-eyed, and so modest his way of telling about it. A great deal about K—'s bravery—" regular dare-devil he is." Not a word of his own.

"Have a glass of beer?" Sooner have a cup of coffee, thank you."

I realised the force and justice of the remark made to me by another soldier about two men who got rather noisy and quarrelsome. "Behaving like—like old-fashioned soldiers," he said. I like the new-fashioned soldier.

STORIES BY WOUNDED AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

From the Daily Telegraph.

One of them, a splendid fellow of the Royal West Kent Regiment, said: "We were in a scrubby position just outside Mons from Saturday afternoon till Monday morning. After four hours of action each of our six big guns was put out of action. Either the gunners were killed or wounded, or the guns themselves damaged. For the rest of the time—that is, until Monday morning when we retired—we had to stick the German fire without being able to retaliate. It was bad enough to stand this incessant banging away, but it made it worse not to be able to reply.

"All day Sunday and all Sunday night the Germans continued to shrapnel us. At night it was just hellish. We had constructed some entrenchment, but it didn't afford much

cover, and our losses were very heavy. On Monday we received the order to retire to the south of the town, and some hours later, when the roll-call was called, it was found that we had 300 dead alone, including four officers.

KILLED WHILE DANCING.

"Then an extraordinary thing happened. Men and some of my pals began to dance. We were just dancing for joy at having escaped with our skins and to forget the things we'd seen a bit, when bang! and there came a shell from the blue, which burst and got, I should think, quite twenty of us.

"That's how some of us got wounded, as we thought we had escaped. Then another half-dozen of us got wounded this way. Some of our boys went down a street near by and found a basin and some water, and were washing their hands and faces when another shell burst above them and

laid most of them out.

"What happened to us happened to the Gloucesters.

Their guns, too, were put out of action and, like us, they had to stand the shell-fire for hours and hours before they were told to retire. What we would have done without our.

second in command I don't know.

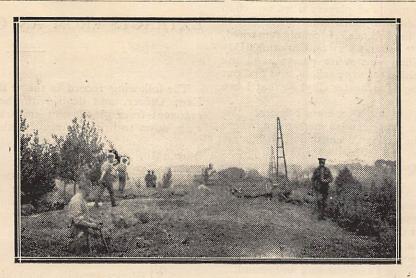
"During the Sunday firing he got hit in the head. He had two wounds through the cap in front and one or two behind, and lost a lot of blood. Two of our fellows helped to bind up his head and offered to carry him back, but he said, 'It isn't so bad. I'll be all right soon.' Despite his wounds and loss of blood, he carried on until we retired on Monday. Then, I think, they took him off to hospital."

From the Kent Messenger, Sept. 26th, 1914.

The Bishop of Kensington, on leaving the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Charing Cross, the other day, where he had been giving the address at the mid-day intercession service, found a hundred men, recruited from Messrs. Cory's coal merchants, drawn up in the churchyard. The Bishop gave them the blessing of the Church before they left to join the Royal West Kent Regiment.



By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." In this photo the Battalion is seen halting on a long march.



By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." This picture shows the Battalion entrenching near Mons.

SOLDIER SONGS.

By EDGAR WALLACE. From Town Topics.

II.—THE ROYAL WEST KENT.

He came from Deptford Broadway and he came from Tunbridge Wells, From the farm and from the grimy Woolwich shops, From the little streets of Gravesend, where the ancient shipman dwelis, And all that isn't London smells of hops. In his rusty suit of corduroy, or natty clerky blue, He has faced the army doctor, the recruiting colonel too, And the colonel up and asked him if he'd name his regiment, And the "crooty" answered promptly, "It's the Royal West Kent."

For the Queen's Own Fiftieth Royal West Kent, First in peace and first in war, ready for any event. Come along, come along, soldier,
Never say die till you're spent,
You Blind Half Hundred, Dirty Half Hundred, jolly old
Fiftieth Reg'ment of Foot—
Royal West Kent.

They turned him out at Maidstone on the shady barrack square (Where the married quarters hide behind the trees),

The master tailor's sorrow, the gymnasium s despair,

A pallid laddie groggy at the knees, He has learned to turn his toes out, and forgotten how to slack, He has thrown away the hnmp that used to be upon his back, He's learned to chuck his chest out like a military gent, In fact he is a credit to the Royal West Kent.

If he only took the tronble he could spin a thrilling yarn Of how he gave old * " One o'Clock ' a pain.

When he led the Kaiser's army corps a chase from Mons to Marne, Then turned and biffed the beggar to the Aisne. He could tell a tale of trenches—treating hardship as a joke, Of the German "Black Marias" and their stinking sooty smoke, Of all the fine assistance which the gallant French were lent By the pride of England's Garden—the Royal West Kent.

> Queen's Own Fiftieth Royal West Kent, They hit as hard as the Prussian Guard—and the Kaiser's soldier's bent.

Come along, come along, soldier, Business only is meant By the Blind Half Hundred, Dirty Half Hundred, jolly old Fiftieth Reg'ment of Foot— The Royal West Kent.

* Mr. Atkins' name for Von Kluck.

JOINING THE COLOURS. (WEST KENTS, DUBLIN, AUGUST, 1914). From the Westminster Gazette, September 18th, 1914. There they go, marching all in step so gay,

Smooth-cheeked and golden, food for shells and guns; Blithely they go as to the wedding-day,

The mothers' sons. The drab street stares to see them row on row, On the high tram-tops, singing like the lark, Wild for the great adventure, singing they go Into the dark.

With tin whistles, mouth-organs, any noise, They pipe the way to glory and the grave. Love cannot keep the gay and golden boys, Love cannot save.

High heart! High courage! The poor girls they kissed Run with them. They shall kiss no more, alas. Out of the mist they stepped-into the mist, Singing they pass.

KATHARINE TYNAN.

LIFE IN THE TRENCHES. FOOTBALL AND WAR. Daily Telegraph, 8th Oct., 1914.

Private S. Harris, of the West Kents, writing to his brother at Redhill, after detailing the engagements in which his battalion has taken part, says:

We have been living the life of rabbits, for we burrowed ourselves in trenches, and here we remained for over fifty hours. It was an exciting and not unpleasant experience. The bursting of shells overhead was continuous, and it became monotonous. To the youngsters it was an awful experience in the earlier stages, but even they became so accustomed to the roar overhead that they raised a cheer each time shrapnal and shell spoke, making such remarks as "There's another rocket, John."

We had as companions some of the Dorsets and Scottish Borderers, and when we were not digging out recesses we sat down to spin yarns. Nice, lazy life, you will say. But not so pleasant when a shell burst directly over your head. To kill time we played banker with cigarette cards, and discussed the prospects of our favourite football teams.

We were discussing the merits of players when one chap who had made a bet that Meredith joined Manchester City in 1896, was struck by a bullet in the knee. He calmly remarked, as we bandaged the knee, "I shan't play on Christmas Day for Maidstone United. When you write please send me some cigarettes, as I owe a chum twenty packets, and find out the date of Meredith's joining Manchester City, so that I can settle the bet.

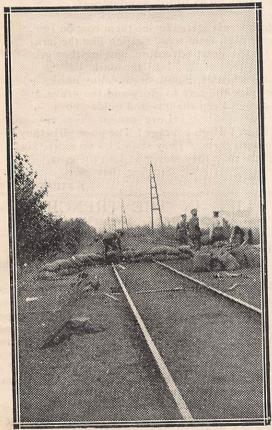
We are a light-hearted lot, and so are our officers. We dug out for them a kind of a subterranean mess-room, where they took their meals. One fellow decorated it with some cigarette cards and pictures he cut out of a French paper. The food they get is not exactly what would be supplied to

them at the Hotel Cecil.

A jollier and kinder lot you would not meet in a day's march. One officer who was well stocked with cigarettes, divided among his men, and we were able to repay him for his kindness by digging him out from his mess-room. A number of shells tore up the turf, and the roof and sides fell in like a castle built of cards, burying him and two others. They were in a nice pickle, but we got them out safe and sound.

During the time we were in these trenches nearly 500 shells burst over and around us, but, as the protection was so good, not a single chap was killed, and less than a dozen were wounded. When we were able to get into the open air once more and stretch our legs it was then we realised what we had been subjected to, for the ground was literally strewn with burst shells.

If all goes well we are going to have a football match tomorrow, as I have selected a team from our lot to play the Borderers, who are always swanking what they can do.



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Entrenching the Railway line at St. Ghislain, Belgium, Aug. 22.

EXTRACTS FROM AN OFFICER'S DIARY.

The following record is the "Rough Diary" of a West Kent Officer, and deals with the fortunes of the gallant regiment from the day of embarkation, Thursday, August 13th, down to Friday, August 28th.

Aug. 13th, Tuesday.

Battalion paraded at Richmond Barracks, Dublin, at 7 a.m., and marched down to North Wall, Dublin, for embarkation. Battalion was embarked on s.s. Gloucestershire by 6 p.m. Troops on board consisted of about 3,300 of all ranks.

Aug. 14th, FRIDAY.

S.S. Gloucestershire sailed at 2 a.m. Very crowded on board, but, fortunately, weather fine and sea calm. All lights had to be extinguished by 9 p.m., which made visiting sentries very difficult, as every available inch of room was occupied by sleeping men after dark.

Aug. 15th, SATURDAY.

Arrived off Havre about 10 p.m., but owing to tide did not enter harbour till the afternoon. Raining hard, but sea smooth. Commenced disembarking about 4 p.m. Owing to the transport taking some time to disembark, troops slept in shed alongside of ship.

Aug. 16th, Sunday.

Disembarkation being completed by 4 a.m., Battalion marched to No. 3 rest camp; distance about four miles. Owing to rain and wind, nearly all the tents had been blown down, and the whole camp was a sea of mud and water. Camp had been pitched on a potato field, and the potatoes, which were soon discovered by the men, formed an acceptable addition for dinners. Weather cleared in the afternoon, and we were visited by a large number of interested spectators from Havre, who were very friendly and anxious to secure souvenirs in the nature of buttons and cap badges.

Aug. 17th, Monday.

Paraded at 3 a.m., and marched down to the station for entraining. The whole Battalion, with its transport, left in one enormous train at 9 a.m. At every station the population turned out, giving us a wonderful ovation, and providing coffee, cigarettes, etc., for the men, and flowers for the officers.

Aug. 18th, Tuesday.

Arrived at Landrecies about 12.30 a.m., where we detrained and marched about four miles to La Basse Maroilles, where we went into billets. The inhabitants and our men immediately became great friends, although not understanding a word of one another's language. Our men helped by scrubbing floors and cleaning milk cans and such-like household duties, while the inhabitants provided butter, cream, etc., and only after much persuasion would accept payment.

Aug. 19th, WEDNESDAY.

Battalion route march.

Aug. 20th, Thursday.

Route marches and fire control by companies in the morning. In the afternoon we were addressed by Major-General Sir C. Fergusson, commanding the 5th Division.

Aug. 21st, FRIDAY.

Marched at 7 a.m. to Houdain, about $16\frac{1}{2}$ miles, where we went into billets about 4 p.m. Very hot day, and the men suffered considerably from the heat.

Aug. 22nd, SATURDAY.

About 4 a.m. the Battalion received orders to parade as soon as possible. The Battalion was detailed as part of the advanced guard of the 5th Division. C and D Companies formed the vanguard. On arrival at St. Grislain (about eight miles west of Mons) C and D Companies took up an outpost position and entrenched themselves along the north side of a canal running east and west. During the night, although there were several reports of Uhlans being in the neighbourhood, we were not disturbed.

Aug. 23rd, Sunday.

Early this morning the cavalry was sent out to reconnoitre, supported by A Company, under Capt. Lister. Almost immediately the Germans appeared in force, and A Company suffered heavily, losing Capt. Lister, wounded, Lieut. Anderson, killed, and about 70 N.C.O.'s and men, killed, wounded and missing. C and D Companies, although heavily shelled all day in their trenches by the Germans, suffered comparatively little. Corp. Rogers, of D Company, was killed, while Capt. Dunlop and Sergt. Sterry were wounded. Lieut. Ozanne, in charge of the machine guns of the West Riding Regiment, attached to D Company, was also wounded.

Aug. 24th, Monday.

About 1.30 a.m., having received orders to retire, we retired (the R. E. blowing up the bridges over the canal), to the town of Wasmes, about three miles south of S. Grislain, and the men got tea and were given permission to eat part of their emergency rations. The Germans started shelling the houses round us as soon as it was light, and later on the whole Brigade was engaged in what was practically street fighting. It was here that B Company, under Major Pack-Beresford, suffered heavy losses, losing Major Pack-Beresford, Capt. Phillips, Lieut. Broadwood, and Lieut. Sewell, killed, and about 100 N.C.O.'s and men killed and wounded. The Battalion, however, managed to delay the enemy's advance for some time, but had eventually to retire about 10 a.m. Having got clear of the town the Battalion marched till about 11 p.m., when, after a few hours' sleep on the side of the road, the march was continued.

Aug. 25th, Tuesday.

The march was continued all day till about 11 p.m., when, on arrival at Le Cateau, the Battalion bivouacked until next morning. The men had had to rely on their emergency rations for food on these two days until arriving at Le Cateau.

Aug. 26th, WEDNESDAY.

At daylight, having had some breakfast, we commenced to entrench, first making dummy trenches to draw the enemy's fire, and afterwards trenches which we were to occupy. When these latter were about 1ft. deep the enemy began to open fire. Having held on to this position until ordered to retire about 3 p.m., we got out of the trenches under heavy artillery fire, and marched back about eight miles, where we found the Battalion cookers, and the men got tea, and, in spite of the heavy rain, which had commenced about 3 p.m., slept till midnight. It was on this day that many Battalions in our Division lost so heavily. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who were with us at Dublin, lost very severely. We were fortunate, as although we were required to cover the retirement of the rest of our Brigade, our casualties were few, and were mostly suffered when retiring from the trenches. Capt. Tulloch was one of our casualties, being wounded during the retirement.

Aug. 27th, Thursday.

Soon after midnight we again fell in, and marched till about 5 p.m. to Ollezy, where we went into billets. The men had no breakfasts, but got some tea about mid-day, and again on arrival in billets in the evening.

Aug. 28th, FRIDAY.

The men had tea at a.m., marching off at 3 a.m., through Noyon to Cuts (arriving about 2 a.m.), where the Battalion bivouacked in an orchard till the following day. Distance marched since the fighting on Wednesday at Le Cateau, about 55 miles.

Note.—Since leaving Landrecies on Friday, August 21st (eight days before) we had marched somewhere about 120 miles and fought three battles

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SHELLS AND SCRATCHES.

Upon inquiry as to the losses sustained, however, it was found that our men had been able to take care of themselves, and had dug themselves well in. In that collection of trenches on that Sunday afternoon were portions of four battalions of British soldiers; the Dorsets, the West Kents, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Over 300 projectiles were fired against them. The result was nine men wounded. On the following day 109 shells were fired at the trenches occupied by the West Kent Regiment alone. Four officers were buried, but dug out unhurt. One man was scratched. The village itself was unoccupied.

Many camp yarns are now in circulation among the troops, mostly of an amusing nature. For instance, a report is current that the Turcos, who are our close neighbours, have been rather short of food and have bartered the use of two heavy guns for 10,000 tins of ration beef. A market rate of exchanges between guns and "bully," however, has not yet been worked out.

The troops in second line at certain spots pass the time by punting a football about on the village "places." It is rumoured that a German aviator who observed this sent in a report that the British forces were thoroughly disorganised and running about their post in blind panic.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have just been appointed Battalion Correspondent, but whether this means that I am marked down for accelerated promotion or merely that I am regarded as a hopeless gasbag, I am not quite clear. Be that as it may, as a new broom I am consumed with a passion for clean sweeping, but alas it avails me nothing, for I find the place occupied by eight other devils, who for remissness in correspondence, are worse even than myself. The last two numbers of the "Q.O.G." have been noticeably and lamentably emaciated, and a postmortem has disclosed the fact that this state of affairs was due, partly at any rate, to lack of 2nd Battalion nutrition. This defect I propose to remedy, but whether or no you will consider the patient capable of absorbing such nourishment as I can supply is a matter for your decision.

Unfortunately I cannot give news of the Gods who shine upon Olympus, and by the Gods I mean our Head-Quarters and attendant companies, and by Olympus, the delectable spot Dalhousie. There our brightest and best scintillant in an atmosphere brilliant with brass hats and sibilant with the swish of silken petticoats! (My expert poodlefaker says these are not worn no wadays. Perhaps he knows, but anyway I am not going to spoil a good sentence to please him). Alas but little news of their great deeds trickles down to us, who with baked brains and diseased and unsightly bodies crawl amidst the dusts of Multan. However, such news as we have is at your disposal.

Firstly the climate is—is—well, it is, and that is all you can say for it. Temperatures varying from 121°—110° by day and 100°—90° by night, an atmosphere sodden with moisture from the canal cultivation, together with an extra special brand of prickly-heat, and a fascinating disease called Multan boils, combine to render this station in the hot weather one which will for ever linger in our memories as one of the brightest and best we have ever known. It is rumoured that the medical authorities are protesting against the continuation of this place as a military station, and it is difficult to understand why the Church has not followed suit, for she is deprived of her strongest weapon when she finds that her sternest threats of a consuming Hell bring nothing but a cheerful smile to the faces of men who have done a recent hot weather in Multan.

Our main occupation is scratching, for with one accord we scratch our prickly heat morning, noon and night, until such time as we become too raw to scratch any more or our boils cover so large an area as to render free hand scratching too difficult. Next to scratching, most of our time is taken up in testing our co-efficients of absorbtion, and as they go up so do the profits of the mineral water factory. In fact the amount of wealth amassed by the M.W.F. is so enormous that we fear that if it should become known, Lloyd George would insist on being next Viceroy.

Up till a fortnight ago we ran a hot-weather football and hockey league by platoons (we are quite up-to-date with platoons and things), but latterly the heat has been too trying to permit of its continuance, consequently our exercise is now more or less confined to bicycling, locomotion, perambulation and the elevation of small liquid weights to the level of the mouth, with right arm and elbow bent!

Every other Wednesday we have Al-Fresco Dances in the Cantonment Gardens, which are run by a committee of three (one from each unit), presided over by Lieut. Graham, with Clr.-Sergt. Crisford as M.C. If Clr.-Sergt. Crisford can manœuvre troops with the skill and confidence with which he handles large masses of lovely ladies, he should have a brilliant career in front of him, and it is to be hoped that he feels helped by the moral support of Lieut. Graham, who playing the part of the silent strong man, stands in the background, and so far as the ladies are concerned, apes Brer Rabbit, in that he lies low and keeps on saying nuffin.

On ordinary evenings nowadays a drugget is down in barracks and many of the battalion combine air exercise and entertainment by dancing to the dulcet tones produced from the A.T.A. piano by that indefatigable human pianola Pte. Johnson. The members of the A.T.A. very kindly undertake the organization of these dances.

We have also had a very successful open air concert given by the Regimental Dramatic Club. It drew crowded houses both nights and produced some flattering comments. The remaining artistes will, I am sure, join with me in awarding the palm to Ptes. Harvey and Morris in their amusing duet, "Sauciehall Street," which they followed with a delightful step-dance of their own invention and which they executed in fully professional style. This item was vociferously encored both nights, and deservedly so. Great thanks are due to the members of the Dramatic Club for this concert, for the effort entailed in working up and carrying through a performance in this weather is very considerable.

An additional entertainment was provided in a mad football match, which was fought out to a (literally) sanguinary conclusion between Barming Asylum and Maidstone Gaol, and a vastly entertaining affair it was, despite the interference of the elements. The kick-off was to have taken place at 6.0 p.m. !. but the untimely arrival of a sandstorm somewhat delayed things. However, undeterred, the audience waited until suddenly the tense silence was broken by a This rapidly desingle shot from the direction of the Jail. veloped into a roar of musketry. One of the convicts' team had broken away from his comrades and their escort, and was running towards the ground, followed by a perfect hail of bullets. Four only of the spectators were thus wounded, and the convict, having been winged, was severely mauled by the warders, who then swept up the remains and put them in goal The wounded in the crowd were immediately attended to by a first aid corps from the Barming Blitherers troop of Boy Scouts. I suppose they knew their job, but it is hard to believe that correct treatment for a bullet wound in the stomach is to drag the patient up one side of a wheeled stretcher, drop him down the other, kick him violently on the ear and then place him on the stretcher so that each spoke of the wheel bumps his head, and finally to pile three other patients on top of him! As they drew nearer it was seen that the convicts were all wearing neat yellow suits, quaint but clever ornamentations of applique arrow heads in black chenille, the extremities being further ornamented by the most chic bracelets and legirons imagineable. The warders were uniformly clad in dark blue tunics and trousers, and wore googoo little black hats. These, it must be confessed, seemed a trifle small, being about the size of a Beecham's Pill box, but they made up for any deficiency in this respect by being fitted with enormous peaks that would have made useful wings for a fair sized aeroplane.

No sooner had the convicts taken possession of the ground than a yell of maniacal laughter came from the direction of the hospital, whence were seen emerging the team of lunatics from Barming. One of their number arrived in a cart netted in like a pig, as he was too dangerous to be freed at first. His cart tenders shot him out upon the ground and then fled. The lunatic at once made a vicious attack upon the convicts, but was met by "one round rapid" from every warder present, which the convicts followed up with a strong counter-charge, and the barmy one retired after suffering some loss, and sat upon it in the goal net.

Attention was now turned to the side of the ground where a terriffic chariot race round the ground was taking place between a hokey-pokey cart and a trap containing four bookmakers, as outrageous a pack of blackguards as ever was seen. A collision at the turning of a corner decided the question of a pitch, and the rival firms were soon at work, though they appeared to be making more noise than profit

It was fortunate that at this moment the Mayor and Corporation of Maidstone arrived to start the game, for judging by the frequent firing by the warders and the yells of the orderlies in charge of the lunatics, some difficulty was being experienced in keeping the teams together. On arrival, in a landau reputed to be a relic of Alexander the Great's invasion, the Mayor literally tripped out over his robes and fell flat on his face, whilst the short-sighted members of the Corporation, not noticing his prostrate form, successively trod on the small of his back. At this moment the Press rushed forward with the intention of interviewing the distinguished visitors, and the nervous mace-bearer, fearing it was an attack, smote the Press leader violently on the head with the mace. Unfortunately the mace on this occasion was a heavy maul covered with silver paper! The crowd cheered lustily, and the luckless pressman came out of hospital last Friday, and moreover, as his brain is still more or less affected, he has been given a job as acting schoolmaster.

The Mayor then made a speech, in which he tactfully referred to the convicts as "the filthy scum of our social sewage," and the lunatics as "the loathsome offspring of diseased and incontinent parents," but as none paid him any attention he kicked off. The moment he kicked the ball it exploded with a shattering report, whereupon every member of both teams fell down, and this enabled the referee, who all the time had possession of the real ball, to run down the field, and he would undoubtedly have scored a goal had not the lunatic in goal hurriedly drawn an additional net curtainwise across the mouth of the goal, thus effectually shutting himself in and the ball out. The referee apparently thought himself to be entitled to most of the game, for whenever anyone took the ball from him he blew his whistle for a foul. This, however, as no one took any notice of him, did not materially affect the game.

Followed forty crowded minutes, in which the game went round and round the ground, across it, and round it again, anywhere but up and down it. Astonishing acrobatic feats were displayed, warders fired hundreds of rounds, the referee kept on scoring goals, the bookies shouted alarming odds, and were busy vieing with the hokey-pokey man in noise, whilst the Press kept sending off urgent messages, mostly addressed to the canteen for more beer. At the call of time the game was a draw, neither side having ever looked like scoring. The Mayor, however, decided that the lunatics had won, as the referee had scored four goals for them and only

three for the convicts. Their victory was the more creditable as the monkey lunatic took no part in the game, refusing to do anything but sit on the goal post, scratch himself and spit nuts at anybody who came near him, and further two others under the impression they were ostriches, had buried their heads in the sand so effectually as to be practically asphyxiated by the time they were dug out, and quite useless for football purposes.

The Mayor then presented the winners with an enormous gold cup, but there was apparently some feeling over the Mayor's award, for he was at once mobbed and the grandstand collapsed. The Mayor was last seen being belaboured with the cup, and the meeting ultimately broke up in cheerful confusion.

Sir, I am appalled at the length to which this letter has run, and am now satisfied that there is no danger of accelerated promotion and that I am merely a gas-bag, for which I apologise.

As I go to press, or rather to post, wars and rumours of wars are thick upon us, and it seems that we must either go to war or make our name stink in the world's nostrils. So that by the time you receive this, the 1st Battn. may be adding one more page to the Regiment's glorious history. Good luck go with them, and may we soon be sent to join them, "Quo fast et Gloria Ducunt!"

2nd BATTN. CORRESPONDENT.

MULTAN, August 4th, 1914.

"AN ENGLISHMAN'S HOME."

Four very successful performances of "An Englishman's Home" was given by the Q.O.A.D.C. at Dalhousie, those on July 31st and August 1st taking place in the R.A.T.A. Theatre at Ticca Spur, and the remaining two being on August 3rd and 4th at the Assembly Rooms. The company played to a crowed house on each occasion, although unfortunately General Brunker and several of the staff were kept away by the extra work which was pouring in at the time. The declaration of war against Germany coincided with the last performance, and as a consequence the troopers of "The Empress of the North" came within an ace of being hissed off the stage!

The main business (or pleasure) of the evening was preceded by a very amusing farce called "Going Away." In this Mrs. Dunlop and Captain Ingram took the parts of the couple off for their holiday, while Private F. Cox as the Porter added the final confusion to the packing, and incidently caused "Mr. Chugwater" to get a nasty fall.

After a short interval the curtain rose on a peaceful "Englishman's Home," and we found Lieutenant Grey in his old Lebong part of Mr. Brown trying to play "Diabolo" under the coaching of his son Sid. Private Doyle excelled himself as the football maniac, Geoffrey Smith, while later on his fall on being shot was splendid. Sergeant and Lance-Corporal Funnell were both very good, the former as Reggie Brown, who spends all his time in trying newspaper puzzle

competitions, and the latter in the difficult part of Paul Robinson, the keen, but unappreciated, Territorial. Of the ladies, Amy (Mrs. Egan) was always quoting what "My brother says," and combined very successfully with Ada Jones (Mrs. Bovis) to "rag" the unfortunate Paul. Mrs. Dinwiddy as Maggie Brown was a devoted daughter and lover.

A new aspect was given to the scene by the arrival of the "Empress of the North's" troopers, clad in a rather effective uniform of the regimental colours (light blue with dark blue facings). Their captain was pompous and systematic, and their subaltern (our latest actor-manager) woke up most realistically from his hard-earned rest, while Sergeant Miles was most precise and military as Sergeant Thol. We might mention here that the "Come aboard, Sir" salute employed by the troopers is still to be seen in use at Ticca. Of the troopers, the fiercest looking were Privates Cox and Barker, who escorted the unfortunate Geoffrey, but none of them looked very nice people to meet suddenly when unprotected oneself.

After the first departure of the troopers, their place was taken by the Territorials, who, including Private Dent (who had mountd Corporal's stripes for the occasion) ducked most realistically whenever a shell came along. Some of "E" Company, who were in the audience, thought that they recognised an old friend in Colour-Sergeant Harris, who looked worthy of holding the same rank in the West Kents. Schoolmaster Egan as Capt. Finch was delightfully fussy, and quite helpless in the absence of the Colour-Sergeant, while his subaltern cheered everyone up by his announcement that "They have kicked off, upstairs." Both were so hung about with paraphernalia that it is a wonder that they were able to move. In contrast to the excitement of the Territorials was the professional coolness of their Adjutant. Sergeant Hare as Doctor McPherson tended his patient coolly under heavy fire.

No account of the performance would be complete without a mention of Private Dade's scenery, which was in his best style, and of the management of the "effects" by Private Slater. The bursting of the shrapnel was most realistic, while some of the shells did visible damage to the walls.

The band, under the able baton of Band-Master Hunt, beguiled the intervals with pleasing and popular music.

We append a list of the caste:-

Mr. Brown, Lieut. Grey; Reggie Brown, Sergt. Funnell; Sidney Brown, Boy Spink; Geoffrey Smith, Private Doyle; Paul Robinson, Lance-Corporal Funnell; Capt. Finch, Schoolmaster Egan; 2nd Lieut. Jackson, 2nd Lieut. Gordon, I.A.U.L.; Colour-Sergt. Harriss, Colour-Sergt. Goulds; Capt. Lindsay, Capt. Dinwiddy; Dr. McPherson, Sergt. Hare; Capt. Prince Yoland, Capt. Ingram; Lieut. Hobart, Lieut. Bredon; Sergt. Thol, Sergt. Miles; Ada Jones, Mrs. Bovis; Amy Brown, Mrs. Egan; Maggie Brown, Mrs. Dinwiddy.

Territorials:—Privates Dent, Milligan, Miller, Higgins, Shand, Prior, Bunnett, and Lance-Corporal Hedge.

Invading Troopers:—Privates Cox, Barker, Wills, Smith and Jones.

It is hoped that when the balance sheet appears we shall be able to hand over a cheque to the Compassionate Fund.

BOXING.

A tournament was held at Dalhousie in June open to N.C.O's and men of the Connaught Rangers, the Manchester Regiment, the Gunners stationed at Dalhousie, and ourselves. Our men fought well. The most gratifying feature of the tournament from our point of view was the ourselves. victory of Corporal Waunell over Sergt. Reynolds of the Randers. The latter has a fair reputation in India and Corperal Waunell is to be congratulated on his coolness and Another very pleasing feature was the fight generalship. between Private Goldsmith and Lance-Corporal Swain in the final of the novice welters. Both men went hard and we have seldom seen a cleaner blow than the one which put the Lance-Corporal out. For two of our men to put up such a sporting show in the final does much to increase the good name of the Regiment. Besides the above mentioned, the following showed good form and took prizes:-Lance-Corporal Bough, 2nd Prize, Open Welters; Private Briselden, Winner, Open Bantams; Private Purcell, Winner, Novice Bantams; Private Young, 2nd Prize, Novice Bantams; Corporal Franklinds, 2nd Prize, Novice Lights; Private Collins also got a prize for being the most scientific fighter in the Novice events. M. W. G.

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THE NEW EDITOR'S NOTE.

Knowing how very hard worked the officers of the Depot are, I have asked and obtained permission to edit the "Queen's Own Gazette" during the period of the war. Although I have been associated in an Editorial capacity with many great newspapers, I have never occupied a position which I have regarded as so great an honour as the editorship of the "Queen's Own Gazette." The Royal West Kent Regiment is my own regiment in the sense that I received my first taste of army life in this, my county corps, so that I do not feel a stranger to my readers. I would ask correspondents to pardon any liberty I have taken with their communications, and to continue sending their letters to the Depot as heretofore Write fully and give me permission to compress, and I will try to produce a paper equal to the best of the regimental journals. This month I must apologise for the lateness of issue, but in future I hope to get the paper out by the middle of each month.

EDGAR WALLACE.

Roll of Honour.

IT is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of the following officers:—

Major M. P. Buckle, O.C. 1st Battalion. 2nd Lieut. T. M. Harding.

The following officer has died of wounds received in action: and Lieut. D. C. C. Sewell.

The following officers have been wounded and are doing well:

Capt. A. K. Grant. Lieut. P. B. Wilberforce Bell. 2nd Lieut. E. S. Kerr. 2nd Lieut. E. H. Y. Pownall. 2nd Lieut. C. A. M. Holloway.

The Officers who have Died.

THE Regiment has sustained a grievous loss in the death of Major Buckle writes Brig.-Gen. Grove. He was quite the finest type of officer that can be met. Thoroughly knowing his duty and very strict in the performance of it, he was at the same time always gentle and courteous. He was most conscientious, and never spared himself as long as there was work to do. It may well be said of him that he was "sans peur et sans reproche." He was Adjutant of the

and Battalion during the South African War and his untiring and capable service was of great value to his C.O. and the Battalion, for this campaign he received a well earned D.S.O. and mentioned in despatches. He later passed the Staff College with distinction and soon after was employed at the War Office on the General Staff. His next appointment was that of Brigade Major of the 2nd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot. After a term of Regimental duty, he was given the appointment of Professor at the Quetta Staff College, being given the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel. After this he returned to the Regiment and went to France as second in command of the 1st Battalion.

Major Buckle was a fine sportsman, a good man to hounds, an excellent polo played and good cricketer.

He was most popular with all ranks.

With great sorrow we have also to add the name of Major F. H. Hotham, who died suddenly on Oct. 30th, aged 49, while serving with the 6th Battalion at Purfleet as Second in Command. He joined the Regiment in 1886, and retired in 1906, when he was posted to the Reserve of Officers. His loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him, for to know him was to love him. He was a first rate officer, and everything he undertook was thoroughly carried out, and his place in the 6th Battalion will be difficult to fill.

Major P. Hastings, whose death was reported in our October issue, was a most gallant officer, with absolutely no sense of fear. He has been described by one of his brother officers as the bravest of the brave, exactly the same under fire as in the ordinary routine of Regimental life. He will be sadly missed.

Captain F. Fisher was a thoroughly capable officer. He always made work cheerful for those who served with him and under him. He was keen on sport and games of all sorts, and his skill in them was distinctly above the average. This year he went very near to winning Colonel Harrison's Shooting Cup in the 1st Battalion. Good soldier and sportsman, however, that he was, he will chiefly be remembered by his unfailing good humour and light heartedness whereby he made a host of friends wherever he went. The "life and soul" of any party he was with. "Frankie's" place in the Regiment will be a hard one to fill.

Lieutenant Horatio John Vicat was killed by a bullet very shortly after Captain Fisher, to whose assistance he had gone. He had only recently rejoined the Battalion, having spent a year in West Africa, followed by a long period on sick leave.

The dash and cheerfulness which, we may be sure, marked him to the end, was conspicuous throughout all his service with the Regiment.

He was a thorough sportsman and his fearlessness in the hunting field was a source of admiration, not unmixed with

anxiety, to those who were with him.

There was a wild and loveable Irishman in a book, who, whenever he was rebuked by his friends for being reckless, used invariably to answer, "A good death is worth seven years of life." He never had a more faithful follower than Horace Vicat.

Lieutenant Dougal Clifford Campbell Sewell was one of the Special Reserve Officers who joined the 1st Battalion on Mobilization. He had no intention of making the Army his career and had already started in business in London. He was born on July 22nd, 1894, received his commission in the 3rd Battalion on September 11th, 1912, and was promoted

Lieutenant on July 1st, 1913.

Lieutenant Sewell was one of those who make the best type of officer-keen on his work, a good sportsman, and absolutely devoid of "side." As a schoolboy at Wellingborough he made a great name for himself at games and afterwards a most useful member of the 3rd Battalion cricket team. He was for two years Captain of the Wellingborough cricket eleven, two years in the football team, two years in the shooting eight, champion athlete of the school for 1911, and held the record for two events in the sports.

His death was particularly sad in view of the fact that he practically recovered from his wound when lock-jaw set in.

Second Lieutenant W. K. Amies and Second Lieutenant J. M. Harding were young officers of great promise. Unfortunately there is no one at home who is able to furnish any particulars about them, but we hope later to obtain some information concerning them from the 1st Battalion.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Lieut-Col. A. Martyn (commanding the Battalion), Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O. (since killed). Captain R. M. G. Tulloch. Lieut. G. B. Legard (adjutant of the Battalion). No. 6128 Sergt. Major H. S. Doe.

No. 4558 Company Sergt.-Major W. Penny. No. 8329 Sergt J. Powell. No. 7362 Sergt J. Saward. No. 3142 Lance-Corpl. J. Ryan.

No. 8641 Private G. Biggs.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Lieut-Colonel A. Martyn, Commanding 1st Battalion, has been promoted to Colonel, and given temporary command of 13th Brigade.

Major-General E. A. Alderson, C.B., has been promoted to Lieut. General, and is in command of the Canadian Troops.

Brigadier-General E. A. Grove, C.B., has been given a command on the Secondary Line of Communications.

Captain H. W. Snow has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G., at Aldershot, and Major W. E. Rowe has joined the Depot.

Major F. W. Burbury has been appointed Railhead Commandant in France.

Major A. T. Moir and Captain C. V. Malony are Press Censors

Major R. J. Roche is acting as Quartermaster with the Depot Royal Fusiliers, Hounslow. * *

Major J. Couch has resumed his duties as Quartermaster at our Depot at Maidstone.

Major H. S. Bush, A.O.D. late of the Regiment, and Capt. R. J. T. Hildyard, Brig. Major, 7th Bde., have been mentioned in despatches.

"ONE OF THE BEST."

A Staff Officer in France writes:

"The Royal West Kent is one of the very best Regiments—out here in this Army Corps anyway. This is true. I hear it on all sides and the men tell me 'We are all right, sir. We would do it on our own without officers if we had to.' They are a glorious lot, and wonderful when they come through wounded, and the Lincolns too."

BACK TO THE COLOURS.

The following list of N.C.O.'s and men who have come back to the Colours will interest our readers at home and abroad. At Lord Kitchener's call for experienced N.C.O.'s and men our comrades of other days have answered splendidly. The lists below show the Battalions in which they originally served. All are now serving with the Service Battalion, training up the Kitchener soldiers in the way they should go.

1st BATTALION.

Sergeant-Major G. Allen.
Q.M.S. J. Cover.
Co. Q.M.S. J. Mobberley.
Sergeant H. Hibbett.
Sergeant J. Glover.
Sergeant J. Glover.
Sergeant E. Yeatman.
Pte. J. Clarke.
Pte. J. Clarke.
Pte. J. Howard
Corpl. H. Aslett.
Pte. Clarke.
Drummer A. Churchill.
Pte. F. Smith.
Pte. P. Smith.
Sergeant S. Mills.
Sergeant G. Pace.
Corpl. T. Wall.
Corpl. F. Piper.
Pte. D. Murphy.
Pte. J. Murphy.
Pte. J. Murphy.
Pte. J. Murphy.
Pte. J. M. McCarthy.
Pte. A. Hearn.

2nd

Col.-Sergeant F. A. Tench Col.-Sergeant W. Murphy. Sergeant G. Griffin. Sergeant G. Balchin. Sergeant G. Markham. Corpl. A. Seal. Sergeant G. Markham.
Corpl. A. Seal.
Pte. W. Boreham.
Pte. W. Boreham.
Pte. W. Furniss.
Pte. A. Daniels.
Pte. J. Maybank.
Pte. J. Maybank.
Pte. E. Cruickshank.
Pte. E. Neville.
Pte. A. V. Lloyd.
Pte. W. Miller.
Sergeant W. Dobson.
Sergeant W. Dobson.
Sergeant T. Dale.
C.S.M. F. Wise.
C.Q.M.S. F. Murphy.
Pte T. Moser.
Pte. W. Sutton.
Pte. H. Burgess (V.B.).

2nd BATTALION.

2nd B.
Pte. G. Yates.
Pte. P. G. Hammond (V.B.).
Pte. A. Francis (V.B.).
Pte. J. Gibson.
Pte. J. Duff.
Sergeant E. Gulliver.
Corpl. H. Spearing.
Pte. J. Stacey.
Pte. E. Pronger.
Pte. M. Cotterell.
Pte. A. Brooker.
Pte. H. Chilcotte.
Pte. H. Chilcotte.
Pte. A. Richardson.
Pte. W. Moon.
Pte. U. Young.
Pte. C. Johns.
Pte. W. Montague.
Pte. P. Neville.

3rd B.

Pte. B. McGarry.
Pte. J. Bailey.
Sergt. W. Mitchell.
Pte. A. Lloyd.
Sergeant D. Davidson.
Sergeant T. Kevan.
Sergeant T. Sawyer.
Sergeant C. Coppin.
Sergeant J. Hollis (V.B.).
Sergeant T. Carter.
Lance-Corpl. A. Morris.
Pte. T. H. Sparshott.
Pte. N. Hawkins.
Pte. F. Blome.
Pte. A. Clarke. Pte. A. Clarke. Pte. J. Maloney. Lance-Sergt. W. Orchard.

3rd BATTALION.

Pte. T. Parsons.
Pte. J. Hanwright.
Pte. T. Musson.
Pte. R. Hyle.
Drummer C. Cooke.
Pte. H. Pullen.

Pte. J. Taylor. Corpl. B. Saunders. Sergeant W. Gunner. Pte. A. Smith, (V.B.). Pte. J. Ingersoll.

The Second Battalion's Message to the First.

SHOULD like to say on behalf of the Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the Second Battalion how deeply we all feel the losses sustained by all ranks of the First Battalion during the recent fighting. The Casualty List, which we read every morning, and which only too often contain the names of bother Officers and Comrades, serve to bring home to us more forcibly than endless "Reuters" the true reality of war. We must, however, look on the bright side, and we most sincerely wish the first Battalion all possible good fortune during the Campaign and know that they will be well up at the finish.

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HOW THE REGIMENT FOUGHT.

We are indebted to the Editor of the "Kent Messenger" for permission to reproduce these striking and vividly written notes, written by a Non-Commissioned Officer of the 1st Battalion, giving his experience in the fighting which followed the retirement from Mons.

THE Mons fight is now known only too well and need not be related. General French's despatch concerning the great retreat also will have well informed readers of how the force fared, our Battalion taking its share in each encounter mentioned both with distinction and casualties. The Battalion's last engagement in the retirement was at Crepy, where we lost Major P. Hastings and Lieutenant W. K. Ames, both wounded. We were afterwards sorry to learn that Lieutenant Ames succumbed to his wounds at Compiegne

The Battalion commenced to advance again from a point about 25 miles S.E. of Paris on about the 6th September in pursuit of the Germans, who were making a hasty retreat. They were not run up against until the morning of the 10th, when the Battalion took part in a small action in which the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry were rather severely handled, receiving many casualties, the Royal West Kents getting through without a casualty. It was during the Battalion's advance the next morning that we lost one of our most able sergeants in Sergt. J. Gilbey, who was killed. The morning of

the 12th saw us in the vicinity of the River Aisne,

On Saturday, September 12th, the Battalion formed the advance guard to the Brigade, which had orders to cross the River Aisne by way of the bridge at Missy. The bridge at the north end had been blown up by the retreating Germans, who had left small bodies of troops at the water's edge to prevent the English troops effecting a crossing whilst they (the Germans) were completing their magnificent entrenched position, which we afterwards learned from peasants around they had been preparing for 16 days previous to our arrival. Various patrols and scouts were sent forward to reconnoitre our front, each being received with murderous fire. It was at this point that Sergts. J. Sullivan and W. Burr (of the Kent County Police) with several men were killed whilst scouting. Lieut. H. J. Vicat was also killed and Sergt. Iliffe wounded by machine gun fire. Lieut. Vicat and four men of the Battalion were later buried by the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (a regiment of our Brigade).

The next morning, Sunday, 13th, saw the Battalion still on the south side of the river, it having been found impossible for the Engineers to get close enough to get a raft or bridge of any sort across. It was on this Sunday afternoon that the Battalion Transport was rather unluckily shelled. The Transport was resting on the hillside between the villages of Ciry and Screhes, and our Artillery was in position behind the crest of the hill, when the Germans, whilst searching for the Batteries, dropped a couple of "Dirty Dicks" (alias "Black Marias" in the vicinity of our transport. The second shot struck the centre of the road between our Transport and that of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and killed outright Sergt. Miller, Lce,-Corpl. Free, Privates Bailey, South and Haines; and wounded Sergt. Golding, Privates Stokes, Hill, Paine, Everitt and Sanderson, all of the West The last named succumbed to his wounds two days later. The casualties of the K.O.S.B. were Sergt,-Major MacWheenie and a private soldier killed. The Quartermaster was severely wounded, and we learned from an unofficial source later that he succumbed to his wounds. A private of the Army Service Corps who was pushing a ycle up the hill walked to his death, for the shell burst practically The Battalion had nine of its horses killed, the whole of at his feet. the damage being done with the one shell.

Half-an-hour after this sad and ghastly affair had happened we received a visitfrom the Rev. Goudge, our Regiment's clergyman from Richmond Barracks, who is doing Chaplain to the 5th Division, and he conducted a burial service over our fallen comrades. Then turning to the Tommies standing around, he said "Seeing as it's Sunday, boys, let's have a few minutes' service with God," and proceeded to a cave on the hill a few yards from the scene, where he conducted a short service, touching on the incident that had just occurred in his sermon. This, with the singing of the hymns, "O God our help in ages past" and "Rock of Ages," touched the hearts of every Tommy present, who, within the past hour, had witnessed one of the worst sights of the war. The villagers close by take a great interest in these gravse and are seen daily placing flowers upon

them and seeing they are well kept.

It was on this same day that we lost one of our gallant young officers in Captain F. Fisher, who, in attempting to get his Company in an advanced position, was picked off by a German sniper, the bullet passing through his head. Captain Fisher was very popular with all ranks, and we heard his last words were "Good-bye my boys."

The Artillery having shelled the woods at the water's edge, our Battalion was able to advance, and succeeded in getting two Companies across the water by means of a hastily prepared raft, during the night of September 13-14. Three men only were able to cross at a time, the raft being very fragile. This took practically the whole night, the raft meanwhile undergoing a peppering from the Germans from the hills above, but the crossing of the two companies was made without any casualties. The next night saw the other two companies safely across. Trenches being dug, the Battalion had to remain in these until they were withdrawn 16 days later to take part in the great left flink movement. In these trenches improvements could be noticed daily, and by the time the Battalion had to leave them they were like small houses underground, tho e of A Company being especially noticeable.

During the Battalion's stav at the Aisne daily shelling and sniping were indulged in by the Germans at the trenches, and several casualties occurred. The Battalion were also daily witnessing brilliant feats of airmanship by English aviators, who in scouting over the enemy's position were continually shelled. As many as 43 shells were fired at one aeroplane without success. The most trying part which the men had to undergo in the trenches was that they could not leave under any circumstances during the day time, as the distance from the German trenches was only about 800 yards and the

risk was too great.

A rather psculiar incident happened to one of the Regiment, in the person of private T. Corps, whilst we were at Missy. A shell burst very close to this min, the concussion of which shot him up into a tree about eight feet. A sergeant, noticing the man up the tree asked him—in military language!—what he was doing up the tree and got quite angry until he had been quietly informed. When the man was extricated from the branches it was found he was quite unscathed, except for a slight shock, but apparently struct dumb. He remained in the trenches and three days later was wounded and returned home to England. Later news tells us that he is still without his speech.

It was during the first few days we were across the Aisne that we lost the services pro tem. of Lieutenant P. F. Bell, who received a

shot in the cheek.

On the 19th S-ptember the Battalion were rather badly hit in the following way:—During the morning a shell dropped into one of D Company's trenches and killed Sergeant J. Fitzgerald, Sergeant Z. Barden, and Sergeant A. Warnett, who were assembled together for an enquiry. This was a sad blow, especially for D Company, the N.C.O.'s being very popular amongst all ranks, who really believe it would be hard to find three finer sergeants in the Army.

Our transport came in for another shelling at Sermoise. The Germans began shelling the village church, and our Transport being packed close by, received a few fragments of the shell, which resulted in Private Murphy and three horses being killed. Private Murphy was buried by the remains of the church, at the north-east corner, a cross marking the pot. This grave is also well cared for by the

peasants of the village.

The Battalion was finally relieved rom the trenches at the River Aisne on the 2nd of October, . . On the evening of the 9th October, having had two heavy night marches meanwhile, we were put into motor lorries and conveyed to the Bethune Le Bassee region to take a share in the left flank movement. The Battalion formed part of an attacking force on Monday, 12th, against a German entrenched position and received a few casualties, among whom was Sergeant Hylands (wounded), who for three years was connected with the Depot Cricket and Football Teams.

Sergeant Major H. S. Doe, of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, who was mentioned in despatches, has been awarded the Military Medal of the French Legion of Honour. Sergt.-Major Doe is a son of the late Mr. William Doe, of Canterbury, and was educated at the Simon Langton School. His brother, Sapper Charles H. Doe, of the Royal Engineers, is also fighting with the Expeditionary Force at the Front.

Company Sergeant Major W. Selves, 5th Cyclist Company, mentioned in Sir John French's despatches, and shown in daily and weekly papers as Norfolk Regiment, 1st Battalion, should read:—
"No. 8566 Company Sergt.-Major W. Selves (1st Royal West Ken Regiment), 5th Divisional Cyclist Company."

THE CASUALTIES.

The casualties of the 1st Battalion have been exceedingly heavy. The compensation lies in the magnificent fame the regiment has won. Never in its long and splendid history has the Queen's Own fought with such splendid valour, often against overwhelming forces of the enemy. Never once has the regiment broken; never once has it failed to achieve the task that was set by the higher leading. Shattered, but unbroken, time and time again the men of the first Battalion, in the words of Newbolt's poem:

"Dressed their slender line, they breathed deep, And with never a foot lagging or head bent,

To the clang and the clamour and dust of death they went."

In giving a list of the N.C.O's, and men who fell on the Field of Honour up to October 21st, together with a complete list of wounded and missing, the Editor invites old comrades of the fallen men to send him a post card, giving any little reminiscence of their heroic comrades for publication in the next number.

KILLED.

Arundell, Pte. A.
Allen, Pte. J.
Banks, Pte. R.
Bailey, Pte. W. H.
Bishop, L.-Corpl. F'. E.
Barden, Sergt. Z.
Batter, Pte. F.
Bradley, Pte. W. H.
Bryett, Pte. F. A.
Burgess, Pte. A.
Burgess, Pte. A.
Burgest, Pte. A. E.
Bonfield, L.-Copl. E. W.
Burr, Sergt. W.
Burstow, Pte. A. E.
Boother, Pte. J.
Bennett, Pyt. F. T.
Clarke, Lc.-Corpl. F.
Comeriord, Pte. A.
Day, Lc.-Corpl. G.
Ellis, Lc.-Corpl. G.
Fitzgerald, Sergt. J.
Guess, Corpl. F. J.
Gibson, Corpl. H.
Gilbey, Sergt. C. J.
(accidentally killed).

Groenwood, L.-Cpl. F. Peters, Pte. J. Greenwood, L.-Cpl. F. W.

Hefford, Pte. J. C.
Hook, Pte. H.
Hornblow, Pte. F.
Hopkins, Pte. M.
Haines, Pte. P. W.
Highgate, Pte. T. J.
(killed).
Harrison, Pte. S.
Hall, Pte. C.
Hendra, Pte. C.
Harris, Pte. H. R.
Jones, Pte. E. (death from misadventure, (Chatham).
Johnson, Pte. T.
Kensett, Pte. F.
Knight, Pte. A.
Murphy, Pte. J. C.
Miller, Sergt. B.
Mercer, Pte. W. F.
Moore, Pte. W.
Moody, Pte. T. A.
Owen, Lc.-Corpl. C.
Perfitt, Pte. F.

Riggulsford, Pte. H. T. Robinson, Pte. G. Rogers, Pte. B.
Rogers, Corpl. A.
Stafford, Pte. W. G.
South, Pte. T. J.
Saunderson, Pte. J.
Slack, Pte. F.
Sullivan, Sergt. J. L.
Shaw, Pte. W.
Snooks, Corpl. F. E.
Todd, Pte. A. F.
Thomas, Pte. F.
Valentine, L-Cpl. W. J.
Vickers, Pte. W. H.
Whithorn, Pte. A. S.
White, Pte. R.
Woodward, Dr. W.
Wilson, Pte. W. H.
Wolfe, Pte. A. W.
Warnett, Lc.-Sergt. W.
E. S.
White, Pte. E. Rogers, Pte. B.

WOUNDED.

Bransbury, Pte, W.
Barker, Pte, S.
Brett, Lc.-Cpl. C.
Brett, Lc.-Cpl. C.
Body, Corpl. J.
Bass. Pte, A.
Bonds, Pte. J.
Beer, Pte. W.
Biggs, Pte. G.
Barrie. Pte. W.
Catchpole. Cpl. N. J.
Clarke, Lc.-Corpl. H.
Carter, Pte. G. L.
Cole, Pte. E.
Collins. Pte F.
Cavender. Pte. G. H.
Coles. Pte. W.
Collyer, Pte. R.
Coumnock, Pte. F.
Coxhead, Pte. E.
Coxhead, Pte. F.
Cripps. Pte. W.
Cooper, Pte. H.
Cook. Pte. F.
Curran, Pte. J. W.
Cook. Pte. R. A.
Close. Pte. A.
Dickason. Pte. G.
Adams, Pte. A.
Ashly. Pte. H. Close, Pte. A.
Dickason, Pte. A.
Albickason, Pte. A.
Ashby, Pte. H.
Atken, Pte. R.
Atkins, Pte. W.
Barnes, Pte. G.
Bull, Pte. W. A.
Baldwin, Pte. C.
Barton, Pte. A.
Bulkland, Pte. J.
Baylis, Pte. R.
Bartholomew, Pte. C.
Budgeon, Pte. W.
Bartholomew, Pte. C.
Budgeon, Pte. W.
Brushwood, Pte. J.
Bresnahan, Pte. P. J.
Bain, Pte. J.
Bresnahan, Lc.-Cpl. D.

WOUNDED.

Handyside. Pte. W.
Haire. Pte. W.
Haire. Pte. W.
Haires, Pte. W.
Harrison, Pte. G.
Harden. Lc. Corpl. C.
Haigh, Pte. W.
Heath, Lc.-Corpl. A.
Hinton, Pte. H.
Hatcher. Pte. T.
Heath, Pte. M.
Homewood, Pte. H.
Hurran, Pte. G.
Hill, Pte. J.
Hunt, Pte. T.
Hodges, Pte. F.
Hylands, Sergt. H. T.
Handscombe, Pte. A.
Harris, Pte. H.
Hayes, Pte. M.
Igglesden, Pte. W.
Liffe, Sergt. H.
Ives, Pte. B.
Jeffery, Pte. W.
Jackson, Pte. T.
Jupp, Pte. J.
Jarvis, Pte. C.
Johnstone, Pte. A.
Jones, Pte. W.
Jones, Pte. W.
Lones, Pte. W.
Longridge, Pte. W.
Langridge, Pte. W.
Langridge, Pte. W.
Loader, Pte. H.
Loock, Pte. T.
Lovell, Pte. C. C.
Lindsay, Corpl. F.
Laurence, Pte. J.
Loyan, Pte. H.
Lowin, Pte. S.

Puckrose, Pte. E.
Potter, Pte. A. W
Payne, Pte. E.
Pittield, Pte. T.
Packer, Pte. F.
Price, Pte. A.
Pryer, Pte. F.
Pearce, Lc.-Corpl. F.
Pringle, Pte. L.
Puxly, Pte. G.
Peirce, Pte. R.
Poole, Pte. T.
Prentice, Pte. J.
Punyer, Lc.-Cpl. H. A
Cuy Dr. A.
Keed, Pte. G.
Reed, Pte. W.
Reed, Pte. J. W.
Reed, Pte. J. W.
Reed, Pte. J.
Rudland, Pte. E.
Rapy, Pte. J.
Rudland, Pte. E.
Rapy, Pte. J.
Rudland, Pte. E.
Rapy, Pte. A.
Richards, Lc.-Corpl. F
Raines, Sergt. W.
Russell, Pte. C.
Royle, Pte. A.
Rsmith, Pte. F.
Smith, Pte. F.
Smith, Pte. F.
Smith, Pte. F.
Stedman, Pte. H.
Stoakes, Pte. T.
Sonnex, Lc.-Corpl. A.
Sawyer, Corpl. E.
Streetley, Pte. A.
Seenman, Pte. H.
Steel, Pte. A.
Styles, Lc.-Sergt. H.
Smith, Lc.-Corpl. A.
Sawyer, Corpl. E.

Bubb, Pte. F.
Barnard, Pte. P.
Drinkwater. Pte. W.
Dutfield, Pte. A.
Dyer, Corpl. E.
Darlow. Pte. R.
Dunlop, Pte. C.
Donald, Lc-Cpl. W.
Erving, Pte. J.
Everish, Pte. H.
Everett, Pte. F.
Endersby. Pte. W.
Elliott. Pte H.
Fuller, Sergt. H. J.
Faulkmer, Pte. W.
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Fletcher. Pte. H.
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Fish. Pte. B.
Forrest, Pte. G.
Freeman, Sergt. W.
Friar, Pte. R.
Gadd, Pte. R.
Gadd, Pte. R.
Golding, Sergt. G.
Gill, Pte. E.
Glover, Pte. L.
Gardener Pte. W.
Griffiths, Pte. J.
Gutteridge, Pte. R.
Giles, Pte. R.
Giles, Pte. J.
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Leeson, Pte. A.
Ledden, Pte. W.
Lucas, Pte. A.
Lockyer, Pte. A.
Marks, Lc.-Corpl. A. W.
Murray, Pte. J. C.
McNeill, L.-Sergt. J.
Marshall, Pte. A.
Munroe, Pte. F.
Mantle, Pte. A. E.
Moore, Pte. J.
McCormick, Pte. D.
Murphy, Pte. J.
McCormick, Pte. D.
Murphy, Pte. J.
Moody, Pte. A.
Mantell, Pte. R.
Martin, Pte. F.
Merchant, Pte. F.
Merchant, Pte. T.
Mitchell, Pte. G.
Manktelow, Pte. C.
Marsh, Lc.-Corpl. H.
McKenzie, Pte. A.
Mills, Lc.-Corpl. F.
Nixon, Pte. J.
Noakes, Corpl. F.
Noakes, Corpl. F.
Newsom, Pte. S.
Newell, Pte. P.
Nicholson Pte. J.
O'Donohoe, Dr. M.
O'Donnell, Pte. J.
Openshaw, Pte. F.
Palmer, Pte. F. W.
Pettett, Pte. A.
Pease, Sergt, R.
Pope, Pte. W.

INDED and MIS Leeson, Pte. A.

Sharp, Pte. E.
Sullivan, Pte. J.
Sullivan, Pte. J.
Sharp, Lc.-Corpl. B.
Selves, C.S.M. W.
Tompkins, Pte. C.
Thomas, Corpl. A.
Thomas, Pte. F.
Thurnall, Pte. H.
Traill, Sergt. W.
Tong, Pte. C.
Tyler, Pte. J.
Thomas, Pte. F.
Tucker, Pte. A.
Turner, Lc.-Sergt. E.
Townsend, Pte. C.
Twine Pte. D.
Thomas, Pte. E.
Turner, Pte. S. A.
Upton, Pte. W. T.
Uphold, Pte. H.
Venables, Pte. F.
Waghorn, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. W.
Wrench, Pte. H.
Warner, Pte. J. G.
Warner, Pte. C.
Watson, Lc.-Corpl. T.
West, Pte. S.
Williams, Pte. W.
Wood, Pte. T.
Welfare, Pte. C.
Wilsins, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. W.
Wood, Pte. T.
Welfare, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. C.
Williams, Pte. C.
Wright, Pte. C.

WOUNDED and MISSING.

Blackeby, Ptc. F.
Banks, Ptc. D.
Brown, Ptc. D.
Bailey, Ptc. A.
Baker, Ptc. A.
Bish, Ptc. T.
Brovo Sergt. A.
Cain, I.c.-Corpl. H.
Doree, Corpl. H.

Glayzer, Pte. S.
Hammins, Pte. J.
12 seviurst. Lc.-Corpl. F.
Franis r. Pte. A.
Futchings C.S.M. S.
Hay, Pte. W.
Hall, Pte. W.
Jobson, Lc.-Corpl. J.
Murray, Pte. J. C.

Pryer, Pte T.
Reeves, Sergt. G.
Riley, Pte. W.
Saunders, C.S.M. W.
Stewart. Pte. G.
Steel, Pte. J.
Sterry, Sergt. J.
Scott, Pte. C.
Thompson, Pte. H

MISSING.

Ashton, Pte. J.
Arnold, Pte. A.
Button, Pte. A.
Bull, Corpl, T.
Brooker, Pte. S.
Bishop, Pte. T.
Bashford, Pte. A.
Balker, Pte. G.
Brown, Pte. G.
Branch, Pte. J.
Coveney, Pte. H.
Ccok, Pte. B.
Cox. Pte. W.
Carden, Pte. C.
Dow, Pte. T.
Dinwoody, Lc.-Cpl, J.
Dobbs, Pte. J.
Etherington, Pte. A.
Elgram, Pte. W.
Goldsmith, Pte. J.

Gane, Pte. H.
Hobden, Pte. C.
Homewood, Pte. G.
Hilton, Pte. H.
Humberstone, Pte. H.
Harris, Pte. T.
Ingram. Pte. W.
King, Pte. W.
Lewis, Pte. W.
Larkman, Pte. W.
Marchant, Pte. W.
McCarthy, Pte. J.
Moore, Pte. F.
Moss, Pte. J.
Newland, Pte. E.
Newland, Pte. E.
Newland, Pte. W.
Proctor, Pte. W.
Proctor, Pte. W.
Peill, Corpl. E.
Pay, Pte. P. Piggott, Pte. A. Russell, Pte. E. Robinson, Corpl. J Russell, Fte, E.
Robinson, Corpl. J
Sibthorpe, Pte, A.
Stribling, Pte, B.
Stanton, Lc.-Corpl. T.
Seager, Pte, R.
Smith, Lc.-Corpl. N
Thomas, Pte, G.
Tiller, Corpl. G.
Trice, Pte, W.
Wallis, Pte, A.
Waters, Pte A.
Waters, Pte J.
Worsell, Pte, J.
Wright, Pte, E.
Webb, Pte, G.
Wood, Pte, S.

News from other Battalions.

2ND BATTALION NEWS.

At the present moment the Battalion is somewhat split up. Head Quarters with "D" and "H" Companies are at Dalhousie, the "Wing" at Multan with "A," "B," "E," and "F" Companies while "C" and "G" Companies are at Hyderabad on detachment.

The two latter Companies were sent to replace the detachment of the Lancashire Fusiliers, which was recalled to Karachi on the outbreak of the war; "E" and "F" Companies being sent post haste down the hill from Dalhousie to take their place at Multan.

Although the 3rd Division has left India we have the misfortune, by reason of our station, to e internal Security Troops, which merely means that we are helping to do "Chankidar" for the Division. We are naturally disappointed, but are still hoping against hope that the order to mobilize will yet be received.

Early in the hot weather a Multan Garrison Hockey League was started, but had to be abandoned in July owing to the heat and coneinual dust storms.

A similar lournament (American) was started in September, the teams competing, with points they have obtained up to date, are as follows :-

62n	d Battery,	R.F A		3	2
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	Company,	2nd R.W. K	ent	7	3
В	,,	,,		0	6
E	,,	,,,		3	1
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3RD BATTALION NEWS.

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It is rather difficult at these times to write an account of the doings of a Battalion, even though it be a Reserve Battalion at home. When we begin to talk of our duties and our doings we always see the word "Secret" written in large letters before us.

There have been many changes since Moblisation took place: besides drafts a certain amount of officers and N.C.O.'s have gone to the New Army and we are now getting back those who have recovered from their wounds and are again fit for duty — among these are: Sergeants Young, Golding, Pease and Nurden, Corpls. Noakes, Jewhurst and Body, Lce-Corpls. Sonney Palmer, Wilder, Faulkner, Stocks and Drinkwater

In peace time we always used to complain of the difficulty in up to strength both in officers and men, but that complaint has completely disappeared and our chief trouble is to grapple with the large numbers that come in

We have been asked to give a list of the officers of the Battalion, and so we are giving a complete list of those who have served with the Battalion since the day of mobilisation. The length of the list may be a surprise to those who have heard of the shortage of officers for the Special Reserve, but "the Call to Arms" has been answered by men from every source. Oxford, Cambridge, and London Universities have sent their representatives, and most of the Public Schools, especially Marlborough and Tonbridge. A large batch has come from the Inns of Court O.T.C. Among those who have made a start in their careers we have had the barrister, the solicitor, the doctor, the engineer, the journalist, the farmer, the merchant, a rubber planter, a law coach at Oxford, a chemist, a stockbroker, representatives of Lloyds and the E.T.C., two from the staff of the London County Council, and an ex-member of the Press Bureau. (As to the last assertion, the Press Bureau itself will neither confirm or deny it, and, to be truthful, we are in some doubt ourselves). And there are more officers to come.

Boxing enthusiasts will be glad to hear that Bill Ladbury, ex Fly-weight Champion of the World (now (Pte. Ladbury of the 3rd Battalion) is taking part in a Boxing Tournament at the New Cross Baths in aid of the War Relief Fund.

The following is the roll of officers of the 3rd Battalion, who have served with the Battalion since the order to mobilise was

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tenant.
Captain C. F. Beeching. Ex-Onter.
3rd Battalion, rejoined.
Captain A. C. Beeman. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
Captain A. J. Bonsor. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
Captain H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop.
Wounded from 1st Battalion and resoined 1st Battalion.

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voluted from 1st Battanon and re-joined 1st Battalion. Captain A. K. Grant. Regular Estab-lishment. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).

Hon. Major C. F. and

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Captain F. H. Liebenrood. To Staff of 64th Brigade
Captain P. T. Mills, Ex-officer, 3rd Battalion, rejoined.
Captain W. E. Ogle, Ex-officer 1st Battalion rejoined. Brigade Signalling Officer.
Captain B. W. Parker, Ex-officer, 3rd Battalion, rejoined. To Expeditionary Force (Essex Regiment).
Captain J. C. Parker, Fegular Establishment, To 6th attalion.
Captain G. J. Taaffe, Ex-officer of King's Own Liverpool Regiment (Militia).
Captain C. T. Tuff, Ex-officer, 3rd Battalion, rejoined.

Captain C. T. Tuff. Ex-officer, 3rd Battalion, rejoined. Captain H. A. Waring, Adjutant. Captain R. L. White. Posted vice Captain Bonham-Carter. Captain P. A. Wilson. To Expeditionary Force (Base). Lieut. C. K. Anderson. To 1st Battalion on Mobilization. Lieut. P. W. Bradley. Not joined as yet.

yet.
Lieut. H. A. de F. Furber. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
Lieut. C. A. M. Holloway. To 1st Battalion on Mobilization.
Lieut. W. F. McNece. Regular Officer from Royal Flying Corps.
Lieut. E. F. Moulton-Barrett. Regular Establishment. To Expeditionary

Establishment. To Expeditionary
Force (1st Battalion).
Lieut. C. M. Payton.
Lieut. D. C. C. Sewell. To 1st Bat.
talion on Mobilization.
Lieut. J. S. N. Snelgrove. To 7th
Battalion.
Lieut. J. H. Whitehouse. To 1st
Battalion on Mobilization.
Lieut. G. E. Wingfield-Stratford. To
Adjutant, 6th Battalion.
2nd Lieut. J. W. Alderman, Commissioned from Ranks. To 6th
Battalion.
2nd Lieut. J. W. Alderman, Not joined
as yet.

as yet.
2nd Lieut, C. T. Bennett.
2nd Lieut, G. D. Borland.
2nd Lieut, J. F. Burbury.
Officer from R.M. College.

Regular

Lieut. Colonel Sir A. G. Boscawen, Commanding.

Major C. M. Allfrey.
Major F. W. Burbury. To Expeditionary Force Staff.

Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., Regular Establishment. To command of 6th Battalion.

Captain T. P. Aldworth. To Expeditionary Force (The Queen's).

Captain E. M. Eattersby. to Expeditionary Force (1st Batt.) as Lieutenant.

officer from R.M. College. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battation).
2nd Lieut. G. G. Harris.
2nd Lieut. R. E. H. Healy. Not

2nd Lieut. R. E. H. Healy. Not joined as yet.
2nd Lieut. L. S. Kerr. Regular Officer from R.M. College. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
2nd Lieut. C. J. A. Kysh. (Supplementary List).
2nd Lieut. F. B. Cocq. Regular Officer from Jersey Militia.
2nd Lieut. S. H. Lewis. To Expeditionary Force (Northampton Regiment).

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tionary Force (Northampton Regiment).

2nd Lieut, J. E. Liebenrood.
2nd Lieut, G. M. McClenaghan.
2nd Lieut, P. McDonagh. (Supplementary List). To Expeditionary
Force (Suffolk Regiment).
2nd Lieut, S. T. L. Maunder.
2nd Lieut, G. R. Nicholas.
2nd Lieut, G. R. Nicholas.
2nd Lieut, H. U. S. Nisbet.
2nd Lieut, L. H. Y. Pownall, Regular
Officer from R.M. College. To Expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
2nd Lieut, J. R. Russell. Regular
Officer from R.M. College. To expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
2nd Lieut, J. R. Russell. Regular
Officer from R.M. College. To expeditionary Force (1st Battalion).
2nd Lieut, S. C. Tinne. Regular
Officer from R.M. College. To Expeditionary Force (1st Eattalion).
2nd Lieut, V. C. Sewell.
2nd Lieut, V. C. Sewell.
2nd Lieut, E. A. Sharpin. Regular
Officer from R.M. College.
2nd Lieut, F. L. Short.
2nd Lieut, A. E. Smith. Not joined

2nd Lieut, A. E. Smith. Not joined

Lieut. J. H. Stokes. To Expeditionary Force (Berkshire Regiment).
2nd Lieut. G. R. J. Taaffe.
2nd Lieut. H. I. Vandell. To Expeditionary Force (Northampton Regiment).

2nd Lieut, L. P. Waghorn. To Expeditionary Force (Berkshire Regiment).

2nd Lieut. H. F. Westmacott. 2nd Lieut. P. J. Whitehouse. To Expeditionary Force (Northampton Regiment).

2nd Lieut, C. H. Wild (Supplementary List).

2nd Lieut. A. T. Williams. Regular Officer from R.M. College. To Ex-peditionary Force (1st Battalion). 2nd Lieut. F. R. Wright. 2nd Lieut. T. K. Wright.

Hon. Major 'and Quartermaster T Fitzpatrick. Attached from Lin-

ritzpatrick. Attached from Lin-colnshire Regiment. Hon. Lieut. and Q.M. Thorne. Just arrived from 2nd Battalion and on leave.

(The above List was compiled on October 30th).

Next month (December) we are producing a Christmas Number which the Editor hopes will put all other Christmas numbers of Regimental Journals in the shade. The size of the Christmas Number will be enlarged and illustrated. Some of the best writers in England will contribute. It is necessary that all correspondence should be SENT AT ONCE.

6TH BATTALION NEWS.

Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel P. H. Robinson, C.M.G. Senior Major, Major E. H. Hotham (died October 30th). Adjutant Lieut. G. E. Wingfield-Stratford. Quartermaster, Hon. Lieut. E. Mills.

On Thursday, the 8th October, we invited the Sergeants of the 7th Battalion to a smoker and supper, as they were leaving our camp for one at Belhus Park, about two to three mile distant. About 20 members of the 7th turned up and a very enjoyable evening was 20 members of the 7th turned up and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were rendered in excellent style by the following:—Sergt.-Major Allen, C.Q.M.S. W. Murphy, C.Q.M.S. F, Murphy, Sergts. Kilslake, Hyatt, Lale, Mitchell, 6th Battalion; Sergt.-Major Tapp, Sergt. McEnuff, Sergt. Wood, Sergt. McArthur, 7th Battalion; while Orderly Room Sergt. F. Mills accompanied excellently on an organette, a piano not being available. As the post sounded at 9 p.m., the singing ceased, and all took part in a splendid feed, excellently arranged by our energetic President, C.S.M. Denton.

B COMPANY.

"B" Company, under the command of Captain J. C. Parker, is 268 strong, including a draft of 19, just arrived from the Depot. The Company commenced its firing course on Friday, October 24th, and up to the time of writing has done very well—making an average score lof 12.08 in Table A, Part I. practices, and 13 in Table A Part II. practices. Of course, among so many men, there are some who are not adapted to rife shooting, and so have had the flag waved once or twice as a very disappointing reply to honest attempts. These "wash-outs" have been facetiously named "Lancers" by the company wit, and when another recruit joins there is much goodhumoured laughter.

Just now the camp is a sea of mud of generous consistency, and we are very much concerned in keeping a balance in very slippery places. Soon we hope to be com fortably housed in huts—a little nearer to the fighting line.

OPTIMISTIC C COMPANY.

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It is really time you, and your readers, heard about C Company. Two months ago we were "Tom," "Dick," "Harry" and "Jack," doing all sorts of jobs in all sorts of places. Now we are trying to be the smartest Company in the first battalion added to the regiment for service in Kitchener's New Army—"C" Company of the 6th Service Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment to be precise. Speaking for ourselves we should describe ourselves as the luckiest Company in the whole Battalion.

To begin at the beginning—

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We joined the Colours in August, and came on from the Depot at Maidstone here, where we have been ever since, under canvas. There is a rumour that a luxurious life in huts, in the neighbourhood There is a rumour that a luxurious life in huts, in the neighbourhood of Shorncliffe, awaits us in the near future. Wherever we go we cannot have a better time than we have had at Purfleet. Our nek has been in all through. The weather has been extraordinarily good. There has been "some rain"—good growing weather." One of us—"Long 'Un" is his name—who only celebrated his 18th birth-day this week, has already reached a height of 6 feet 3 inches in his stocking, and he has not finished growing yet. Somehow "Little Tich," who stands over a foot lower, has missed this chance of climbing.

Tich," who stands over a 100t lower, has missed the climbing.

We have had hardly any sick and no accidents. Luck again! Our tents are good. We have complete service kit, khaki and not blue serge is the wear in "C" Company you can be sure. We sleep in luxury at nights with three blankets apiece; and doing so often wish that the boys at the front were as warm and comfortable. And our food—but this is good management not luck!—makes us wonder how it is done. Our old soldiers tell us that they have never seen so many "extras." It is not for nothing that the Cook House Corporal is the stoutest man in the Battalion. Amongst our old soldiers by the way are 14 men in the ranks who are old R. W. Kent men.

Our luck has given us on the Battalion Roll of Officers, Captain H. C. W. Beeching, formerly of the 2nd Battalion, as our Commander; with Captain A. B. C. Francis as Second Captain. Our Battalion Sergt. Major is Sergt. Major Allen. Our Sergeants' Mess has brought a number of well-known names back to the Regiment. Amongst these are: C.S.M. F. Tench, formerly of the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions; C.Q.M.S. W. Murphy, formerly of the 1st Batlion; and Sergts. G. Dibdin, G. Griffin, H. Balchin, T. Markham, W. Dobson, T. Dale and H. Mitchell, all formerly of the 1st Battalion. Our luck, too, has given us plenty of work. Squad drill in its most acute stages, like vaccination and innoculation, is behind us; but "gym" with "toes raise" and "on the hands down," is still with us, although at the present moment it has been put on one side for musketry. Our Recruits' Course is now in full swing on the range here. If the Company Clerk rarely hits a target and has no Our luck has given us on the Battalion Roll of Officers, Captain

chance of winning one of the watches offered as prizes by our Platoon Commanders, there are others - former gamekeepers from the best sporting coverts in Kent for example-to say nothing of former poachers-as keen as mustard on potting Germans instead of rab-

poachers—as keen as mustard on potting Germans instead of rab-bits, who are now potting the targets in great style. Our luck, too, has brought us a little fighting already. Our most notable engagement so far has been that which took place one night on outpost work, when "sentries" and "the enemy" went for each other in fine style with clenched fists. A weekly battle also has become a feature of Saturdays—when men "on pass" fight for tickets outside the Booking Office window at the Range Rail-way Station. There have been a few other encounters—some with. way Station. There have been a few other encounters—some with, and some without, the gloves. In conclusion it must be added that and some without, the gloves. In conclusion it must be added that our luck has provided us with any number of amusements from aeroplane sentries flying over the camp, and the Thames which flanks our "barrack square," and football, to falling into the ditches which intersect the camp ground, and getting mixed up with the barbed wire enganglements surrounding the Purfleet Magazine—the latter are "late at night" diversions. We have a company reading and writing marquee. And we have music. If our drummers by a recent War Office order have been reduced to the ranks they still sound their bugles, and a private cornet, several concertinas and numerous strident mouth organs complete our band. Christmas Carols, by the way are ousting "Tipperary" as tent songs. Some optimists are hoping that we shall be lucky enough to eat our Christmas dinner in France, Belgium or Germany. ner in France, Belgium or Germany.

D COMPANY.

Since the formation of the Company in the early part of September, good progress has been made in the training of the men. The acceptance by Captain Snow of a staff appointment at Aldershot, caused the departure of this most popular officer, which was much regretted by the whole of the Company. Their good wishes go with him for his future success. Lieut. H. Hudson took over temporary of the company. go with him for his future success. Lieut. H. Hudson took over temporary command of the company, until the arrival of Major G. A. C. Taylor in October. The general health of the Company has been very good, and the weather for the most part has been fine. (This is fortunate, for Purfleet has the knack of being mighty unpleasant in wet weather). Some football has been indulged in, and a few budding Internationals discovered, although there has not been much time to indulge in the winter pasting. time to indulge in the winter pastime.

The way in which the "old hands" have responded to their country's call has been most gratifying, and the stentorian voices of the noncoms have been lately heard of evenings singing the martial songs of this and former generations.

All hands, old and new, are eagerly looking forward to the order for the front.

SENIORITY ROLL.

Sergeant F. Hyatt, D Co.
Sergeant Davidson, D Co.
Sergeant Davidson, D Co.
Sergeant G. Dibden, C Co.
Sergeant B. Dobson, C Co.
Sergeant B. Dobson, C Co.
Sergeant B. Dobson, C Co.
Sergeant C. Eldridge, A Co.
Sergeant R. Fleet, B Co.
Sergeant T. Dale, C Co.
Sergeant T. Dale, C Co.
Sergeant A. Haughty, D Co.
Sergeant G. Kerslake, D Co.
Sergeant A. Clarke, D Co.
Sergeant A. Clarke, D Co.
Sergeant Kevan, D Co.
Acting Sergeant E. Yeatman, A Co.
Acting Sergeant C. Coppin, D Co.
Acting Sergeant C. Sawyer, D Co.
Sergeant E. Harvie, B Co.
Acting Sergt, I som, C Co.
Sergeant G. Holliday, C Co.
Acting Sergt, W. Painter, A Co.
Acting Sergt, W. Painter, A Co.
Acting Sergt, W. Roberts, D Co.
Sergeant G. Holliday, C Co.
Acting Sergt, W. Roberts, D Co. Sergt.-Major G. Allen.
Q.M.S. J. Cover, A Co.
Q.R.S. S. Mills, A Co.
Sergeant E. Thom, Master Tailor, Sergeant E. Thom, Master Tailor,
A Co.
C.S.M. H. Taylor, A Co.
C.S.M. T. Denton, B Co.
C.S.M. H. Tench, C Co.
C.S.M. F. Wise, D Co.
C.O. Q.M.S. J. Mobberley, A Co.
C.O. Q.M.S. F. Murphy, A Co.
C.O. Q.M.S. F. Murphy, A Co.
C.O. Q.M.S. W. Murphy, C Co.
C.O. Q.M.S. A Francis, B Co.
Sergeant A. Judge, B Co.
Sergeant B. Do
Sergeant R. Fle
Sergeant R. Fle
Sergeant T. Da
Sergeant R. Ke
Sergeant A. Cla
Sergeant B. Do
Sergeant R. Fle
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Sergeant A. Ha
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Sergeant A. Ha
Sergeant B. Do
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7TH BATTALION NEWS. SENIOR OFFICERS.

Colonel A. W. Prior, late North
Staffords.
Major G. de St. C. Stevenson, 1st
Battalion.
Major E. C. Ryal.
Major W. J. D. Whitaker.
Captain C. F. Webber.
Captain H. Ansell.

Captain A. E. Phillips.
Adjutant Lieut. P. R. Anstruther.
Lieut. J. S. R. Snelgrove
Lieut. W. G. Summers.
Lieut. T. T. Waddington.
Hon. Lieut. and Quartermaster J
D. Maloney.

This Battalion was formed at Purfleet on September 9th, from drafts sent from the Depot, with a small nucleus of officers from the 6th Battalion.

The Battalion was soon at full strength and training began

at once. As the camp at Purfleet was getting very congested, the 55th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 7th Queen's, 7th Buffs, 8th East Surreys and 7th Queen's Own, and commanded by Brig.-

General J. H. Poett, C.B., moved into camp at Belhus Park, Aveley, Essex on October 16th.

Huts are being built for the Brigade at Purfleet, and we expect to move into them some time next month, when we shall be able to begin our Musketry Training.

It may interest some of our readers to know that the following "Queen's Own Wallahs" are back at their old job, and are now serving with the 7th Battalion:—

Batt. Sergt. Major Tapp.
Batt. Q.M.S. Pyo.
Co. Sergt. Major Button.
Co. Sergt. Major Seager.
Co. Sergt. Major Allright.
Co. Q.M.S. Saundens.
Co. Q.M.S. Burge.
Co. Q.M.S. Rugglesford. Co. Q.M.S. Ruggiesiora.
Orderly Room Sergt. McNuff.
Sergt. Inst. of Musketry Chiswell.
Sergeant Jackson,
Sergt. Worsfold.
Sergt. Master Cook Lang.
Sergt. Master Tailor Bird. Sergeant Francis. Sergeant Fowler. Sergt.-Drummer Urquhart.

Sergeant Hollands
Sergeant Thompson.
Pioneer-Sergeant Boden.
Sergeant W. Smith.
Sergeant Mansell.
Lance-Sergt. Wooster.
Lance-Sergt. Summerfield.
Corpl. J. H. Smith.
Corpl. S. Hollands.
Corpl. Lilley.
Corpl. Dunbar.
Corpl. Sheen.
Corpl. Gregory.
Corpl. Clackett. Corpl. Clackett. Corpl. Joyce. Corpl. Bull.

8TH BATTALION NEWS.

When the columns of the Queen's Own Gazette are filled with matters of such thrilling interest as are supplied by our 1st Battalion at the front, it seems futile to chronicle such small beer as can be given by the 8th Service Battalion. After assembly at Maidbe given by the 8th Service Battalion. After assembly at Maidstone during the first weeks of September, the 8th Battalion was moved to the 72nd Brigade Camp at Shoreham-on-Sea, under Sergt-Major Evans, on the 12th, 780 stong, being re-inforced by about 300 men on 14th. The first night in camp was a trying experience, torrents of rain and absence of blankets causing great discomfort, but the man camp through the calculation. but the men came through the ordeal well, giving a foretaste of the zeal that is in them. On 14th September Col. Vansittart, late 7th Gurkha Rifles, assumed command, and at varying intervals, officers from different sources began to arrive. At present the roll of senior officers is as follows:

Colonel E. Vansittart, Commanding.
Mejor L. Brock-Hollinshead, 2nd
in Command.
Major C. V. O. Hewitt.
Major J. C. Chillingworth.
Major F. Walter.
Capt. E. M. Middleton, Adjutant.

Captain A. H. Pullman.
Captain A. Captain A. Captain Capt. R. W. Grant.
Captain F. S. Tulloch.
Lieut. C. W. E. Baker.
Lieut. W. K. Sanderson.
Lieut. and Q.M. C. Guess.

Major Daniell, Major Boucher and Captain Eccles, after a short stay, have left for "other jobs." Many former N.C.O.'s of the 1st and 2nd Battalion are serving with the 8th, so the esprit de corps of the Queen's Own burns strongly An excellent smoking concert was given by the members of the Sergeants' Mess on 27th October, Col. Vansittart and the officers being kindly invited.

The arrangements were made by C.S.M.'s Lee, Ackhurst and

Sergt. Hibbert, and could not have been better.
Work is progressing, and all ranks look forward to getting into the new huts as a preliminary stage to other quarters in France or-elsewhere.

List of ex-N.C.O.'s of the Regiment who have re-enlisted and are serving with the 8th Battalion :-

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Sergt.-Major H. Evans,
Q.M.S. W. Dadd.
C.S.M. W. Dadd.
C.S.M. J. Edwards.
C.S.M. J. Edwards.
C.S.M. J. McGregor.
C.S.M. P. Smith.
Col.-Sergt. Nicholson.
Col.-Sergt. R. Branson.
O.R. Sergt. E. Branson.
O.R. Sergt. E. Pope.
Sergt. Cook W. Wood.
Sergeant W. Holt.
Sergeant W. Holt.
Sergeant W. Millington.
Sergeant W. Broughton.

Sergeant W. Hopkins. Sergeant G. Camplin. Sergeant J. Hibbert. Sergeant Sergeant A Semmence.
Parks.
Mills. Sergeant A. Sergeant W. Sergeant H. A. Smith. Akhurst. Sergeant H. A. Smith.
Sergeant A. Akhurst.
Sergeant Clarke.
Sergeant A. Buckinson.
Sergeant A. Ackland.
Corporal F. Bailey.
Corporal F. Walker.

WHERE THE BATTALIONS ARE.

1st Battalion-British Expeditionary Force; 2nd Battalion, Multan, India; 3rd Battalion, Fort Darland, Chatham; 4th Battalion, en route to India; 5th Battalion, en route to India; 6th Battalion, Purfleet Camp (for Sandling, Kent); 7th Battalion, Belhus Park. Aveley, Essex; 8th Battalion, Shoreham-on-Sea; 9th Battalion, Chatham.

QUEEN'S OWN GAZETTE

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

THIS (November) number is necessarily full of more or less official records. Nevertheless, it is the one number of the Queen's Own Journal which every man should keep; for it contains not only the first list of our heroic comrades who have fallen in the Great War but a record of that splendid tribute to the Royal West Kent Regiment, which has made the 1st Battalion not only the "most talked of regiment" at the front, but wherever the English language is spoken. Next month we hope to produce a great issue. We are handicapped by the fact that the printer is short handed-so many of his men being at the front-and by the strangeness to the Editor to his task.

On December 21st, we shall have a Christmas Number, which, in addition to the ordinary features, will contain a mass of literary matter by the most famous writers of our time-written especially for the Queen's Own Gazette-and will be illustrated by our foremost black and white artists.

We should be grateful if orders for this number are made in good time.

A SPLENDID REGIMENT.

GENERAL SIR HORACE SMITH-DORRIEN ON THE WORK OF THE 1st BATTALION.

We reproduce below the speech delivered to our First Battalion by the Commander of the Army Corps. It conveys an appreciation which will be quoted so long as the Regiment exists.

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT:-

For a long time I have been wanting to address you, but in this strenuous war it has been quite impossible to catch certain battalions. I have found it impossible to get to you, what with one thing or another, and you being in the trenches.

My reason for coming to address you is that I want you to understand that we who are behind appreciate your splendid services.

I very much regret that yesterday your gallant colonel (Colonel Martyn) was wounded, but I am very glad to say that it is not a bad wound, although he may be laid up for a considerable time, and we must lose his services for the present.

I can only tell you that the Field-Marshall Commandingin-Chief realises how splendidly the regiment has done, and your colonel is about to be made a brigadier-general.

That is a direct compliment to you.

I am perfectly certain that there is not another battalion that has made such a name for itself as the Royal West Kent. Everybody is talking about you. They say: "Give them a job. They will do it. They never leave the trenches. It is perfectly certain they will stick it out."

One point I want to refer to. No matter how gallant the work has been performed, or how splendid the stands that have been made, you hear nothing about it. I will just briefly explain why. We are fighting the most serious war that has ever taken place, against highly trained armies and highly trained staffs. If we were to publish that the Royal West Kent Regiment had made a gallant stand or had done a certain thing at a certain place the enemy would at once say, "The Royal West Kent Regiment? That is the—Brigade, that is the—Division, that is the—Army Corps," and thus locate us at once.

GALLING PRECAUTION.

It is absolutely necessary to keep everything important from getting into the papers—the gallant deeds, how performed, and what such and such a regiment has done. That is why our men have to go on performing tesch deeds without their relations at home knowing anything about them. I hope you will understand. It is very galling for you to go on as you do day after day and your folks at home not to know.

But I have records of performances of battalions, and when the times comes these will be published. They will be handed down in the records of the regiment, and in no records will be recorded better deeds than those of this battalion.

I have received from the brigadier-general commanding your brigade appreciation of the gallant conduct of Lieutenant White and the other young officer (Second Lieutenant Russell), who is not on parade to-day. The way these two young officers handled the regiment after all your other officers had fallen, how they stuck to it, and how eventually, when the time came, they brought the regiment out of it.

I have brought his name to the notice of the Field-Marshal Commanding troops, and sincerely hope he will receive the reward he so richly deserves.

I will not detain you, as I want you to enjoy your rest. Heaven knows you have not had much, not since you have been in this country.

I do congratulate the regiment on the magnificent work it has done. I thank you most heartily for your support to —— Corps, which I have the honour to command. I regret your heavy losses, your great losses among the officers—and such magnificent officers, too!

We are going to win, and we shall win as long as we have the help of battalions such as yours.

I am always thinking of you men, and asking different officers what I can do for you.

I can never forget your magnificent regiment.

I told the Commander-in-Chief yesterday that day after day I had been trying to address you. In fact, I have been out here three times. He said, "That is a magnificent regiment."

That is enough. Good luck to you all.

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Roll of Honour.

Roll of Officers Killed and Wounded to December 1st, 1914.

Total: Killed, 18. Wounded, 16. Missing, 0.

KILLED.

Major M. P. Buckle.

Major C. G. Pack Beresford.

Major P. Hastings.

*Captain G. Keenlyside.

Captain W. C. O. Phillips.

*Captain F. Fisher.

*Captain F. Fisher.

*Captain A. Beeman.

*Captain E. Battersby.

Lieut. H. J. Vicat.

Lieut. W. K. Ames.

Lieut. M. F. Broadwood.

*Lieut. S. K. Gore.
Lieut. C. K. Anderson.
Lieut. D. C. Sewell.
2nd Lieut. J. Harding.

*2nd Lieut. P. J. Whitehouse (a).

*2nd Lieut. P. McDonagh, Special
Reserve, attached to Suffolk
Regiment.

WOUNDED.

*Colonel A. Martyn.
Capt. G. D. Lister.
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch.
Capt. H. Buchanan-Dunlop.
Capt. A. K. Grant.
*Capt. E. J. Moulton-Barratt.
*Lieut. W. V. Palmer.
Lieut. P. F. Wilberforce-Bell.
Lieut. A. A. Chitty.

*2nd Lieut. A. T. Williams.
Lieut. E. S. Kerr.
Lieut. L. H. Y. Pownall.
Lieut. C. A. M. Holloway.
*Lieut. G. Y. Gross (b).
*Lieut. J. D. Burrows.
Capt. W. G. Yates (in Cameroons).
(a) Attached to Northampton Regt
(b) Attached to Royal Berks Regt.

* The officers against whom an asterisk appears are casualties reported since the last issue of the "Q.O.G."

The Officers who have Died.

CAPTAIN G. F. H. KEENLYSIDE.

Captain Guy Francis Headlam Keenlyside was born on January 9th, 1880, and was educated at Charterhouse. He received his commission on August 12th, 1899, was promoted Lieutenant on June 5th, 1901, and Captain on September 21st, 1904. He was Adjutant of the Volunteer, and afterwards Territorial, Battalion at Blackheath, but otherwlse always served in the 1st Battalion. At the commencement of the campaign he was in charge of the Brigade Ammunition Reserve.

Everyone knew him as "The Rabbit" and, strangely enough, it was a name that had stuck to him through life from his earliest school days. He was one of those who always took life as he found it and absolutely refused to become perturbed when others might get into a whirl of excitement and bustle. Some may have thought that at times he did not take his work as seriously as he might, but beneath his easy-going manner there was plenty of ability and keenness and those, who were intimate with him, knew what a great pride he took in his Company, the Battalion, and the Regiment. There was a lot of work done, and a lot of trouble taken by him that no-one ever knew about. And those, who were intimate with him, know something else; they have lost a really good friend.

CAPTAIN, G. B. LEGARD.

Captain George Bruce Legard was born on March 7th, 1885, and was educated at Cheltenham. He received his commission on June 4th, 1904, was promoted Lieutenant on October 12th, 1907, and Captain on September 1st of this He was appointed Adjutant of the 1st Battalion on January 1st, 1912. He was recently mentioned in despatches. As Adjutant of the 1st Battalion he did much to keep up its efficiency and good name which has been so splendidly maintained on service. A very hard worker, a keen sportsman and a first-rate all-round soldier, he has met the death that would have been his own choice. An English country gentleman was his ideal, and in his absolute straightness and courtesy he was a fine example of what such a man should be.

CAPTAIN BEEMAN.

Captain Beeman joined the 3rd Battalion (West Kent Militia) in 1899 and served at Chatham and Malta during the embodiment 1899-1901. He then proceeded to South Africa and served there during the remaining stages of the war, receiving medal and clasp. He was sent from the 3rd Battlion to the 1st Battalion early in September. His death will be mourned by a large circle of friends, including many who served with him for many years in the 3rd Battalion.

CAPTAIN ERIC MAY BATTERSBY.

Captain Eric May Battersby joined the Militia Battalion of the Regiment on January 7th, 1903, and resigned with the rank of Lieutenant in March, 1906. As soon as war was declared, he was one of a small band of old 3rd Battalion officers who at once volunteered their services. Captain Battersby (who was then a Lieutenant) left the Battalion in command of a draft on September 19th, and a week later was promoted Captain. His death is particularly sad in view of the fact that he had been extremely keen to get to the front, and was killed the second day after he got there. He naturally did not know many people in the Regiment, but his peculiar charm of manner made him very popular with those that did know him.

2nd LIEUTENANT JACK MAYNARD HARDING.

2nd Lieutenant Jack Maynard Harding was only gazetted to the Regiment on August 12th last. He had previously been at Sandhurst. He was attached to the 3rd Battalion at first, and left to join the 1st Battalion with a draft on September 11th. He was a most promising officer and very gallant.

2nd LIEUTENANT P. J. WHITEHOUSE.

2nd Lieutenant P. J. Whitehouse joined the 3rd Battalion on August 22nd from the London University O.T.C. He was sent to the Expeditionary Force on September 24th, and was attached to the Northampton Regiment, with whom he was serving when he was killed.

2nd LIEUTENANT L. P. WAGHORN.

and Lieutenant L. P. Waghorn came to the 3rd Battalion from the Inns of Court O.T C. He left to join the Expeditionary Force on October 3rd, and was attached to the Berkshire Regiment. He was educated at Marlborough.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM KERR AMES.

Lieutenant William Kerr Ames received his commission in the 1st Battalion on March 13th. 1912. He was promoted Lieutenant on September 1st of this year. He was keen on all games and took an especial interest in cricket and golf. All who knew him will regret his early death. He proved an excellent officer on service and very gallant.

LIEUTENANT S K. GORE.

Lieutenant S. K. Gore joined the 1st Battalion from the 3rd Battalion on December 4th, 1912, and was promoted to Lieutenant on Sept. 16th, 1914. He was captain of the Regimental football team, and played for the Officers of the Army at Aldershot, and also for the Officers of the Army in Ireland. He was also a good cricketer and played for the Kent 2nd XI. He was a first-rate officer, brave and gallant, and is a very great loss to the Regiment in which he was most popular.

We regret to announce the death of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Wilson, aged 79 years, late of the 50th, the Queen's Own Regiment, which he joined in 1855. He served in the Crimea from March to July, 1856, and also in the New Zealand War, where he was severely wounded at Nukumaru on January 25th, 1865 (medal). He retired in 1880 with the Honorary Rank of Major and was granted the Honorary Rank of Lieut.-Colonel in 1881. He died after a short illness on November 17th, 1914, at 42, Half Moon Street. He will be much missed. His cheery manner, large heartedness, and unfailing missed. His cheery manner, large heartedness, and unfailing generosity endeared him to all who knew him.

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Another old Crimean veteran has passed away, Mr. W. Harmsworth, aged 86 years, late of the 91st Earl of Ulster's Regiment. He died on November 14th, 1914, at Crondall, Hants.

The death is also announced of Major William Richard Norton Annesley, D.S.O., late of the Royal West Kent Regiment, at the age of 51. He entered the Army in 1884, becoming Major in 1902 and retiring in 1905. He served with the Frontier Field Force in the Sudan in 1885-6, and was mentioned in despatches, receiving the D.S.O. as well as the medal and bronze star. He was the eldest son of the late Major-General W. R. Annesley and Mrs. Annesley. When a Lieutenant in command of a detached fort (half company). when a Lieutenant in command of a detached fort (half company), at Austipol Wells in 1885, he was attacked by a force of some 2,000 Arabs. They ran short of ammunition and Lieut. Annesley and a man of his Company sallied forth to a truck on the railway, and brought in two boxes, which enabled them to hold out until relieved two days later. For this he received the D.S.O. Kind-hearted, generous and cheery, he will be much missed by all who knew him.

THE BRIGADIER'S APPRECIATION.

Brigadier General G. J. Cuthbert, C.B., late Scots Guards, on relinquishing the command of the 13th Brigade, in which the 1st Battalion is, issued the following order to the Battalion :-

"On relinquishing the command of the Brigade I am so proud of, I want to bid you one short word of good-bye, as owing to your being in the trenches I am unable to parade the Battalion and speak to you myself as I should have liked to have done. I have known you now for eight months, two of which have been passed in the most severe campaign of modern times, and I have lived with you under all conditions of peace and war. Never has a Brigadier been better or more loyally served by all ranks than I have been by you; my orders fully and thoroughly carried out, my least wish anticipated and fulfilled. Your steadfastness under hardships, your callantry and high converge under fare, and your unbestication. gallantry and high courage under fire, and your unhesitating obedience and discipline have been my constant delight and admiration. Your intense spirit, both Regimental and Brigade, could be excelled by none. I have indeed been most proud to command you, and in bidding you good bye, I wish you all health and success, added laurels, and a happy and speedy return home."

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

The undermentioned officers of the 1st Battalion have been awarded the Distinguished Service Order :---

2nd Lieut. James Reginald Russell 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. - For exceptional gallantry and grit in the firing line in trenches near Neuve Chapelle, October 22nd and 29th.

Lieut. Henry Basil Haydon White, 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.—Near Neuve Chapelle, for bringing his battalion out of action after 10 successive days in the trenches, during which time he showed great powers of leadership and determination of a high order.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S

The following is the Second List of Donations which have been received by Colonel Maunsell, commanding Depot, in answer to General Sir Edmund Leach's Appeal for funds to supply comforts, etc., for our men at the front:-£ s. d.

Total of first list	290	3	6
C. C. S. Fowler, Esq	5	0	0
Mrs Burbury	5	0	0
Hugh Nisbet, Esq	5	0	0
Captain E. L. A. Heygate, late R.W. Kent Regt	5	0	0
Major W. E. Rowe, R.W. Kent Regt	5	0	0
Hugh Nisbet, Esq. Captain E. L. A. Heygate, late R.W. Kent Regt. Major W. E. Rowe, R.W. Kent Regt. A. Streatfield Moore, Esq., late R.W. Kent Regt.	5	0	0
Edward Hills, Esq	2	0	0
Edward Hills, Esq	5	0	0
Major J. G. Smith, late R.W. Kent Regt	5	0	0
LieutColonel Dalison, late R.W. Kent Regt	10	0	0
Sergeants' Mess, Depot R.W. Kent Regt		13	0
Capt. Stigand, R.W. Kent Regt., attd Egyptian Army	10	0	0
Mr. G. F. Franklin, late ColSergt. 2nd Volunteer Battalion,			
R.W. Kent Regiment	0	5	6
Rev. the Hon. W. S. Fiennes	2	2	0
Miss Leckie	3	0	0
Mrs. Arundel Martyn (collected by)	25	0	0
Mr. W. Brown, late Sergt. Major, R.W. Kent Regt	1	0	0
Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men, 6th Company, National Reserve			
Guard	2	0	0
Miss Wethered (Bromley) proceeds of Concert	22	0	0
Colonel F. F. Johnson, C.B., late R.W. Kent Regt	5	0	0
Officers, N.C.O's and Men, C Company, 7th Service Battalion,			
R.W. Kent Regiment	10	16	6
R.W. Kent Regiment Major L. Brock Hollinshead, R.W. Kent Regiment	5	0	0
President Sergeants' Mess, 7th Service Battalion, R.W. Kent			
Pagiment	2	14	9
Captain R. G. Tulloch, R.W. Kent Regt.	5	0	0
		10	0
Mrs. Arundel Martyn (collected by)	27	0	0
Miss Anstev	- 2	1)	0
Capt. Roy Brock, R.W. Kent Regt. attached Egyptian Army	20	0	0
Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men, 7th Service Battalion, R.W.			
Kent Regiment		18	11
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Total to 24th November, 1914 £	532	4	2

The Editor of the Q. O. Gazette acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions :-

Mr. J. Ralphs, to Dec., 1914. Mrs. A. Reynolds, to Aug., 1916. Miss Leckie, to Dec., 1915. Miss R. A. Keenlyside, to Oct., 1916. Capt. E. J. Brown, to Dec., 1915. Mr. J. Sullivan, to July, 1915

Mr. E. J. Hilton, to July, 1915. Mr. J. Burrows, to Dec., 1915. Mr. R. L. Hoare, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. A. Martyn, to Dec., 1915. Mr. A. Squires, to Sept., 1916. Mr. S. Drew, to Dec., 1914

Mrs. Danie'l would like to thank all who have so kindly contributed towards the tobacco and cigarettes which she has sent to the 1st Battalion. She hopes to send a further consignment immediately.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.)

Below we print a number of Cheery Greetings from the representatives of the people of Kent to the Regiment at home and abroad:-

FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF KENT.

Our County Regiment is always in our thoughts, and we have watched and continue to watch their doings with keenest interest, and the pride we feel at their magnificent valour displayed in this appalling war is beyond words to describe.

H. M. WARDE,

Chief Constable of Kent.

FROM PETT RIDGE THE NOVELIST.

The bravery of these good chaps makes one proud to have been born in Kent.

W. PETT RIDGE.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

We all welcome the opportunity of sending Christmas greetings to the Regiment through the Regimental Journal. It goes without saying that we follow with constant interest and admiration the exploits of the Regiment, and are proud to send to officers and men our warmest message of goodwill, and earnest hope of their speedy

F. S. W. CORNWALLIS.

Linton Park, Maidstone.

FROM THE MAYOR OF BROMLEY.

It is impossible for me to adequately express the intense pride and admiration which we Bromley people have for this famous regiment. Bromley is the largest town in West Kent and as your regiment have a depot here we may perhaps be forgiven if we look upon you as being very much "our own." My Christmas greeting will then be most sincere. You will I know continue to justify the glowing tribute which Sir Horace Smith Dorrien paid you for your magnificent work. May your success continue, may health, happiness and prosperity follow every brave fellow in your regiment, and may you a 1 come back soon, glorious in victory, to receive the honours which are so completely your due. And, Mr. Editor, may I be there to see—and rejoice. see-and rejoice.

W. LINDLEY-JONES.

Mayor of Bromley (Kent).

Mayor's Parlour, Municipal Buildings, Bromley

FROM THE CHAIRMAN WEST KENT QUARTER SESSIONS.

I have watched the career of our regiment with pride, and have noted with deep satisfaction the praise bestowed upon it by those in high command, for its magnificent bearing in action.

I therefore welcome the opportunity of sending my best wishes to the regiment, and of expressing my admiration at their gallant behaviour. And may I also offer my most sincere sympathy to those connected with the regiment, who are suffering or who are sad this Christmastide.

COLES CHILD.

Chairman, West Kent Quarter Sessions.

Bromley Palace, Kent.

FROM THE MAYOR OF DOVER.

May the brave West Kents have as happy a Christmas as possible under the existing circumstances, gain further glory and renown, and be spared to return to their native land is the sincere

E. W. T. FARLEY.

Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Dover.

FROM THE MAYOR OF CANTERBURY.

The best of Christmas greetings and good wishes to the Officers and Men of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Kent is proud of them. In all our festivities at home they will be in remembrance.

F. J. GODDEN, Mayor of Canterbury.

FROM THE MAYOR OF RAMSGATE.

May I just send a word of greeting to the regiment through the medium of your journal? With feelings of pride and gratification I read of their gallant behaviour and as an old soldier and a Man of Kent, I look forward with all confidence to a repetition whenever opportunity presents itself. Whilst we have such men as these at the front the fame of Kentish Regiments is not at all likely to be diminished.

"Fire away, West Kents." "Good luck to you."

J. W. CHAPMAN.

Mayor of Ramsgate, ex-Regimental Sergeant Major,

1st C.P.V.A. (35 years' service).

Mayor's Parlour, Ramsgate.

FROM THE MAYOR OF MARGATE.

We are more than ever proud of our county regiment which has so fully maintained its splendid traditions of the past. May God bless the men with courage and strength to keep "Invicta" unbeaten as in the days of old, and in this kindly spirit we send them our Christmas greetings and good luck to all.

WILLIAM BOOTH REEVE,

Mayor.

Town Hall, Margate.

FROM THE PEOPLE OF SEVENOAKS.

The people of Sevenoaks send greetings and best wishes to the brave men of the Royal West Kent. They have already gained great distinction in the campaign in France and Belgium and they may always be relied on to do their duty whatever it may be.

The Christmas message of "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men" must be in all our minds at the present season. Let us hope peace may soon be re-established and there may again be goodwill between the warring nations.

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The Editor has to thank Mr. Pett Ridge and G. F. Benson for their contributions to the Xmas Number, and Mr. A. Bailey and Mr. T. Chaplin for their drawing. The Editor is especially pleased in having persuaded his two favourite novelists to contribute.

YOUTH AT A CRISIS.

BY W. PETT RIDGE.

R. Farnham surveyed the dining table with the content of a military expert. The smilax represented frontiers, mounds of military expert. The smilax represented frontiers, mounds of bread-crumbs stood for hilly districts; cob-nuts were the principal fortified towns. The elder boy, in an effort to understand his father's lecture, leaned across; reproved by his aunt, he sat back suddenly, dragging with him most of France, and a part of Belgium. "Can't understand it all!" declared Mr. Farnham, three minutes

later. The two lads, obeying imperative instructions, had gone off to bed. "Simply inexplicable!"

"I can only say," urged his sister, "that ever since their poor mother departed this life, I have done my best."

Mr. Farnham, walking up and down, nut-crackers in hand, and occasionally stopping at the sideboard, delivered his second lecture. His sons, he stated, were like other lads of the present day. As a chief of a department in town, he was able to declare that the young men of England were deteriorating. Undoubtedly deteriorating.

"But what a pity!" exclaimed his sister.

"Games? Yes," he said, with bitterness. "Evenings at the theatre? Yes. Going about in company with sweethearts?"—

Miss Farnham coughed—"Yes. Wasting the time of their employers? Yes. But when it is a question of—"

"I wouldn't eat any more nuts if I were you," she remarked.

"They don't agree with everyone the last thing at night."

He allowed her to take possession of the crackers; without them, he seemed less eloquent. Miss Farnham went upstairs, and coming down for her library book, caught him in the attack of breaking more shells. This time she locked up the crackers in the drawer of the side-board. After her second departure, he made some experiments with the hinge of the door, and hurt his finger. Mr. Farnham threw himself in a disheartened way into the arm-chair, and read again the war news in the evening paper.

Sounds of the first shots came faintly, so that at first he said to himself that the night must be growing foggy, and that the railway people were taking the usual precautions. Mr. Farnham hoped the mist would clear before the morning, so that the nine twenty one from Brockley Lane to Victoria might not be delayed. A louder report, together with a banging on the front door; a summons that he resented. What was the use of having an electric bell and a knocker if callers ignored both, and took the risk of damaging enamelled

"They're coming" shouted a voice through the slit of the letter box. "They're reached the Marquis of Granby in New Cross road. Detachment starting up Lewisham High road. Get ready!"

Mr. Farnham, thoroughly annoyed, opened the door, and saw a couple of youths jumping over the low parapet near the steps, and giving a briefer but equally hurried warning to the people there. Out in Wickham Road, folk were running. Some of the men carried babies on their shoulders. The sky northwards had a reddish hue, firing of shots could now be heard distinctly. A mounted policeman on a horse that appeared to share the general excitement, shouted to

the people.

"Not the Hilly Fields," he cried. "Mustn't go there, they are going to take up a position there!" The people wavered. Some entered the ground that fronted the church, and clamoured to be allowed to enter the building. Mr. Farnham hastened to his front gate, and beckoned imperatively; the officer came with his horse backing sideways near to the edge of the crowded pavement.

"Don't make me laugh" begged the mounted constable, when he had appreciated the message called across. "The idea of asking me to go to the station and send up a couple of policemen to look after

your house!

"If you don't, I shall most certainly report you."

"And if I do, I shall most certainly get the sack. You take care of yourself; that's all you've got to do." Folk on the pavement, understanding the purport of the request, told Mr. Farnham that he was a selfish old idiot, and one woman declared he ought to have his face scratched. Mr. Farnham declining to argue, returned to the

His two sons were descending the staircase in their O.T.C uniform; features rather pale, but manner composed; the

nodded to him and went to the small room at the end of the hall where their rifles were kept. Mr. Farnham tried to find a subject on which he could issue commands to them and searched his mind without result; he could not help feeling glad that he had the company of these two smart lads.

"Here's a spare rifle, father," said one re-appearing. "Take it,

and do the best you can with it.

"But, my dear Charles."

"Can't you shoot?' "I'm very sorry," he answered, "if I have given you an erroneous impression; the fact is, I've never fired off a gun in my life. But I think I could learn.'

"No time to teach you now," said the lad curtly. "You need'nt have bragged, and told us a lie. Are you ready, Fred?"

"You're not going to leave me, and your aunt, and the maids alone in this house!'

"Our instructions are to meet at St. Peter's Hall."

"Bur surely your first duty is to defend your own relatives."

"Our first duty," retorted the lad, "is to obtain orders, and to carry them out. Look after the women-folk, father. Good-bye."

Mr. Farnham, when they had slammed the door, and started off at a run, turned the lock, put up the chain, shot the two bolts. Over his shoulder he saw the ladies of the household peering apprehensively from the landing.

"No occasion for alarm," he announced authoritatively. "All we have to do is to keep cool, and quiet, and—and normal. That's the word, normal!" A crashing sound from outside, and he ran down to the basement of the house, calling to the women-folk to follow. In the kitchen, the window was covered by wooden shutters, and these had been, as usual, made secure with the iron bar. He attempted to switch on the light, and nothing happened. "Matches," said Mr. Farnham, with some impatience, "What we want is matches."

The leader of the female contingent came in, and he advanced to the

direction of her footsteps.

"Mary," he said, finding her hand, and stroking it, "this is an opportunity for showing all the calm courage of which we are capable. True, the scoundrels are here, but it seems to me highly probable that they are only passing through. They are likely enough making for the higher ground of Sydenham." She trembled, and he placed an arm about her waist, and endeavouring to reassure her by kissing her forehead, encountered her neck. "Now, now," he said soothingly, "remember that the Farnhams have never been deficient in courage."

"That's all very well, sir, but my name's Hudson." Miss Farnham, bringing lighted candles, demanded to be informed what the housemaid meant by it, and what her brother meant by it; surely at a time like the present silly nonsense of this kind might well be omitted, or at any rate postponed. Mr. Farnham, too much perturbed to offer any explanations, issued orders with great emphasis. The deal table to be dragged from its central position, and made to form a barricade to the area door. One candle would be sufficient, Cook to stay her tears. The parlourmaid to go up to his room and find the police whistle. The housemaid to recollect that nothing was to be gained by expressing the wish that a certain Albert were here. His sister to make certain that her window, ordinarily

kept open for reasons of health, was now firmly closed.
"Wait a bit!" said the young parlourmaid, as some attempt was
made to obey. The others stared to find her using a tone of voice not generally adopted when the master of the house was near.' There's no sense in doing a lot of silly things. What we've got to realise is that we women are not just now of much good, and that the governor here is less than no good at all."

"Upon my word," he began.
"Keep your mouth shut," commanded the girl. She went out for a moment, and returned pinning on her hat, bringing a cloak and a

pair of boots.
"My dear," expostulated cook. "Whatever are you going up to?"
Proper assistance. "Off to see whether we can get any assistance. Proper assistance I mean," with a glance at Mr. Farnham. "I know several young chaps in this neighbourhood, and if I can only run across a few of 'em, they'll come here and defend us until the trouble is over.'

"Rather than see my house invaded by all the butchers and bakers, and candlestick makers of Brockley—"

"James," interposed his sister, "If the girl can do anything to help us, for goodness sake let her do it. Sure," to the parlourmaid, "sure you're not nervous?"

"Never yet been afraid of any Englishman" declared the other, "and I'm most certainly not going to be frightened of a German." They watched her with awe as she unbolted the area door. "I shall whistle the first line of the chorus of 'Tipperary' when I come back," she remarked, "as a signal for you to let me in!"

"A wonderful young woman" commented Mr. Farnham. "I should

no more dream myself of going out of doors on a night like this

"What's that?" said cook listening.
"Than I should of walking on a slack wire. That reminds me! It you will all please accompany me upstairs I will telephone."
"Hark!" said cook.

The tramp of men ascending the steps. A bang as though from the

"I suppose," said Mr. Farnham, with a white face, "one of you had better go up, and see what is wanted."

"Why don't you go, sir?" enquired cook.

"Ut to be it is a face of the knock were answered.

"I think it would-it would look better if the knock were answered

by one of the servants.
"James," said his sister, reproachfully, "you're not a coward, are

"Questions of that kind, my dear," he said meekly, "are very diffi-

cult to answer off hand,"

It was Miss Farnham who undertook the duty of replying to the second summons; she returned to announce that five German soldiers were in the drawing-room, and that they required food and sleeping accommodation. Cook and the housemaid started the fire; Mr. Farnham timidly volunteered to fetch from the cellar one or two bottles of claret, but his sister remarked that she was capable of performing this safe task; the wisest procedure he could adopt would be to sit on a chair in the corner, and keep himself out of the way. He made a feeble objection to this, declaring that he must refuse to be treated as a mere cypher in his own house. Eventually he complied. Half-an-hour later, when Miss Farnham brought a message to the effect that his presence was demanded upstairs, he made a fresh protest on different lines.

"Why is that girl gone such a deuce of a time?" he enquired,

patiently, "She ought to be back by now."

"It's not an easy business she has set for herself. Most of the young men have probably their own homes to look after.'

"Are the — the gentlemen in a fairly good humour, Mary?"
"At present, in a fairly good humour. Another glass or two might make a difference."

"If I were younger," he admitted, "I should be more fitted for

these emergencies.'

"They're coming down to fetch you," she said, lifting a hand for silence.

Mr. Farnham rushed to the fire-place and seized the poker; it was warm from near contact to the fire, and he dropped it. As the singing, roaring men blundered down the kitchen staircase, the whistled line "It's a long way —" came; the housemaid hurried to the area door, and the parlourmaid, flushed with excitement, entered, followed by six resolute looking young men. On their heels came the two Farnham lads with news that the enemy had been headed off to Ladywell and taken there by troops waiting in Vicars Hill and in the yard near the railway bridge; they brought with them some clerks from their father's office, encountered during the skirmish.

"Boys!" said Mr. Farnham, assuming the command, but keeping

well behind his men, "secure your prisoners!

Miss Farnham, called by the alarmed housemaid at half-past seven the following morning, was able, after giving her brother a good shake to announce that the inquest, suggested by the girl, would be unnecessary. Mr. Farnham could not explain why he had slept all night in the arm-chair in the dining room; it had scarcely been a good sleep, troubled indeed by dreams which he did not propose to describe. He proved grumpy and irritated at breakfast time, reproving his sons for inordinate appetite in regard to marmalade. On the way to town he was cheered by good news from the north of France. Arrived at his office he found himself called upon to deal with a clerk who had omitted to change the date-case in Mr. Farnham's room.

theatre? Yes. Wasting the time of your employers? Yes. But when it is a questi n of doing your work conscientiously, no Decidedly no!" "Games?" he said, with bitterness. "yes. Evenings at the

THE HUMOURS OF CHARITY.

BY E. F. BENSON.

N OR the last four months most of as moderately occupied people who in the ordinary way spend a lot of time in earning money

for ourselves, have been rather busier than usual in begging and grabbing comforts for other people, socks and shirts and cigarettes and ambulances. It is to be distinctly understood that any of us who take the smallest credit for this, or thinks that he is being in the least unselfish or charitable, is a most consummate fraud, for the very simple reason that we are all out of work, and no one at present takes the smallest interest in our usual parlour tricks, like painting pictures or writing books. But the habit of years has grown on us, and since we now find ourselves unoccupied, and feel uncomfortable with nothing to fuss about, we have taken to charitable deeds in order to relieve the tedium of unemployment. Friends have during those last weeks often besought me to find some sort of work for them, simply to rclieve them of their unoccupied hours. . . But then sometimes the humour of human nature steals in, and I have seen these gentlemen a fortnight after, saying how "driven" they are, and (with a harassed air) how seldom they have a moment to themselves. You will be quite safe in writing as offensively as possible at any speech like this. Nobody wants a moment to himself, and the desire of those charming old frauds was to have all unoccupied moments taken away.

Personally I was lucky, and very soon after the war begun, I was able to bag the post of Secretary to a Society that sends out tobacco and cigarettes for hospitals. It affords a fine humorous example of what I may call competitive charity. To strongly discourage anybody who wants to start a rival scheme we assert that the only proper way of supplying tobacco is our way. Not only are we competitive in this collective manner, but the different branches of our working room compete among themselves, and those who send out collecting boxes and collecting cards have a very poor opinion (though they would be polite about it) of the methods of the department that circularizes tobacco ishops. Indeed I think they only agree in believing that the Secretary has nothing to do, and does it very badly, whereas the opinion of the Secretary about the various ways in which his different departments work is a matter which for the sake of tranquility he keeps to himself.

Letters, such as one receives in this capacity, have their humorous side. The other day I got rather a stiff one from a total stranger enclosing two shillings worth of stamps, and asking that a particular branch of cigarettes should be sent to one particular gunner in a regiment which the writer did not know, but which I could no doubt find out. I offer the task of that to any of my unemployed colleagues who wish to have something to do for a fortnight or so.

Then came a feeling comic note. It was from an old lady who told me she could not afford any money, but was delighted to send three of her old pipes.

I may mention that these few remarks are really in the nature of an advertisement for the fund that keeps me employed, and to get to business the very mention that we supply at the present moment the wounded soldiers and sailors in 400 hospitals. Treasury has given us leave to buy our goods free of duty, so that if anybody should happen to have a copper or two that he actually wants to get rid of, and will send it to me at 4, Buckingham Gate, it will have a largely increased power of buying cigarettes. And with this barefaced appeal, I think I may as well conclude.

E. F. BENSON.

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:: The Work of the 1st Battalion. ::

NECESSARILY the First Battalion and the splendid name it has made occupy our thoughts. It was the good fortune of the First to be on the spot, and we feel that much as the Second Battalion will envy them their opportunities, and our other fine battalions will endeavour, when the time comes, to emulate the deeds of their comrades, our envy is nine-tenth's pride. The First have made history, and added lustre to the regimental records, and the newest joined recruit is strengthened and inspirited by the glorious achievements of our comrades at the front.

The 1st Battalion has undergone some weeks of very severe fighting, especially during the last week in October, when it was brought out of action by Lieutenant H. B. H. White, the only other untouched officers being 2nd Lieut. J. R. Russell and Qr.-Mr. and Hor. Lieutenant H. G. Rogers. In our last issue we recorded the deaths of several of the officers; the casualties amongst the N.C.O.'s and men have not yet been received, but they are known to be severe—the list given in our November Number being only up to be severe—the list given in our November Number being only up to October 21st. How greatly they distinguished themselves will be seer from the following telegrams, and from the speech made to them by Sir H. Smith Dorrien. It is with the greatest pride that we record their heroic deeds. We also publish a narrative of the fighting from October 24th to 28th from three wounded officers—Captain Tulloch, Captain Moulton Barrett and Lieut. Palmer.

The following items are also of interest:—Brigadier-General F. W. N. M'Cracken, C.B., D.S.O., said to Captain Battersby on 28th October:—
"Your Regiment has done splendidly. You will hear more of it." Captain Battersby was then in command of the Battalion, but was killed a few hours after.

The Commanding Officer of a Native Regiment told Colonel

The Commanding Officer of a Native Regiment told Colonel Martyn: "Every day I hold up the example of your Regiment to my men, as to what a Regiment should be."

A Staff Officer writes: The Royal West Kent have done splen-

didly. I saw the Divisional General, who spoke in extraordinary terms of them."

Copy of Field Telegrams sent to Officer Commanding 1st Battalion,
The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

To 13th Brigade.

G. 499 South Division wire begins:—
Please express to West Kents admiration of the 3rd and 5th Divisions for their gallant conduct during the last ten days' fighting. They have borne the brunt in several critical situations and have never given ground except by order. We

much regret their heavy losses.

Please communicate to West Kents when you have an oppor-

From 5th DIVISION.

To 5th Division. G.769. October 30. No. 2.

By permission of the G.O.C. the Corps.

The Chief Staff Officer of the 2nd Corps wishes to express his admiration of the galant conduct of the West Kent Regiment during the last few days of severe fighting. The splendid spirit displayed by the Regiment fully upheld its traditions when 100 years ago his grandfather Colonel Walker had the honour to command it at VIMIERA.

From GENERAL FORESTIER WALKER.

Short Accounts of the Actions of the Battalion from Oct. 24-28

I .- BY CAPTAIN R. M. G. TULLOCH.

As Moulton-Barrett and I are both here (Osborne) convalescing, and as we can give a fairly consecutive story of the severe fighting in which the Battalion took part during the last of October, we feel that the following account may be of interest to those who feel a pride in the honours won by

the Regiment.

The story opens on 24th October, when the Battalion held a position some two miles south west of Neuve Chapelle, forming part of a defensive line held by the 2nd Corps Previous to the 24th, the Battalich had been continuously fighting, marching and entrenching for ten days or more in face of a

steadily increasing German force, so that by the 24th we had had a considerable amount of fighting in the neighbourhood of Bethune. Returning now to the operations on and subsequent to 24th October. The position held by the Battalion was some 450 yards in extent and formed part of a continuous line of trenches running roughly N.E. and S.W. Owing to the broad front held by the Battalion it was necessary to detail three companies for the firing line, and these each had approximately two platoons in the firing line and two platoons in supporting trenches some 100 or 150 yards in rear. Prior to the 24th the Germans had been pushing up towards our position and entrenched themselves at about 500-800 vards from it. From the 24th onwards they made repeated attacks both on the line and entrenched themselves at about 500-800 varus from it. From the 24th onwards they made repeated attacks both on the line held by us and on the positions held by the Battalions on either flank. On our right were the K.O.Y.L.I., who held their position splendidly, and by a certain amount of cross fire aided materially in the defence of the right portion of our line, but on our left we were not so fortunate, as the Battalions on this flank were eventually driven back.

I will now go into the details of what happened to my own company on the right of our line on the 24th to the 26th, as the attack on them was typical of the German attack on the rest of the line held by the Battalion. The area covered by my firing, support and communication trenches, was approximately 150 yards square each way, and into this area the Germans turned the fire of several of their 6in. howitzers, commonly called "Black Marias," as well as three or four field guns, in addition to rifle and machine gun fire. The shrapnel and machine gun fire we would compete with, as our fire trenches and especially the supports in dug-outs in a broad ditch some 15ft. wide by 8ft. deep, were proof against such fire. But the fire of the 6in. howitzers could not be

our fire trenches and especially the supports in dug-outs in a broad ditch some 15ft. wide by 8ft. deep, were proof against such fire. But the fire of the 6in. Inhowitzers could not be competed with as they descend at a very steep angle and wreck everything they strike, making a hole in soft soil some 6 feet deep by 8 feet across. On the 24th, the Germans put some 60 "Black Marias" into the area 150 yards square above referred to during the afternoon, and after dusk, opened with shrapnel into the line of the fire trench, so as to prevent us either repairing any damage done to the fire trench, or of bringing up supports. Little damage, however, was done that day, though some buildings and a road just behind a support line, were badly wrecked, the road being rendered quite impassabl for vehicles owing to the shell holes. That night the Germans attacked the companies to our left, but left us alone, which we regretted, as we wanted to get our own back to re-pay the shelling we had had to endure during the afternoon.

The next day (25th) the same thing was repeated, only the shelling was somewhat worse, and either through spies or aeroplanes—probably the former—they located our support trench, putting 10 or 12 shells right into it and completely wrecking not only our dug-outs, but also the actual ditch above referred to. Luckily the men had been shifted to a safer spot just before, as otherwise our casualties would have been extremely heavy. I have never seen such a mess as they made of that ditch; broken timbers, branches torn from overhanging trees, gaping holes in the ground; in fact, not a yard of level surface anywhere, and all that of a solid wooden bridge under which the Company headquartens had been was one jagged beam pointing skywards. That night the same shrapnel shelling for about two hours but no attack. During those two days my Company lost 20 men killed and wounded, which was not excessive, considering the shell and rifle fire. During this period, the Germans had—by night—dug another line of trenches

the area behind our support trenches where reserves were thought to be, and then soon after mid-day fire was concentrated on the area of fire and support trenches. Considering the small area shot at, the fire was terrific; no sooner was the debris clear from the explosion of one shell when the next was heard arriving, and at one time I reckoned they were falling at the rate of 100 an hour. Everything was wrecked, the support trench was rendered impassible, as well as the communication trench, so that to reach the fire trench we had to double across 150 yards of open ground. Here, the heavy fige helped us, as the smoke and debris from the bursting shells was so thick that men were often able to reach the fire trench unperceived by the machine guns, which were trained into and fired at the area behind the fire trench, in order to prevent supports coming up. About 2 p.m., owing to several 6in. shells having actually burst in the fire trench and both wrecked parts of the trench and buried men alive under the debris, it was necessary to send up extra men with shovels to clear the debris. Ten men volunteered for this job, and armed with two shovels each, raced for the fire trench. Luckily only one was hit, and then the work of digging out the entombed men began. No easy job, as owing to the parapet being wrecked, and to a heavy machine gun and rifle fire, to say nothing of 6in. shells which were falling within a few yards of the trench, it was impossible to stand up to dig; as it was, three of the ten volunteer diggers were hit to any own knowledge, and more may have been gers were hit to my own knowledge, and more may have been. Anyway, we dug out two men alive, which was great satisfac-tion. As the Germans were not coming on, the fire trench was left weakly held in order to avoid losses, and as soon as dusk fell, extra men were pushed up in two's and three's to try and get across the fire swept area from the supports to the fire trench, but in spite of the darkness, many were hit. And then trench, but in spite of the darkness, many were hit. And then started the worst shrapnel shelling I have ever experienced. At one time, they were bursting at the rate of ten a minute, and dirt from the parapet was continually knocked all over the men. The only thing was to crouch under cover and trust that the shelling would stop and allow of men looking out before the actual infantry attack took place, which is what actually happened. For myself, thinking I ought to take a peep to the front into the night, I incautiously put my head above the parapet, when a shell bursting almost in my face, knocked me over and rendered me useless for the rest of the knocked me over and rendered me useless for the rest of the fight.

Earlier in the afternoon, a shelling, similar to that which my Company had endured, had been too much for the Regiment on our left, and it had vacated several of its trenches, leaving our left flank, dangerously exposed. A platdon from our reserve company was sent to cover this flank, but reinforcements coming up from elsewhere relieved the situation. Returning to my own Company, the attack developed about two hours after I was knocked over, and in spite of the loss of all its officers. Beeman and Harding becoming casualties before dark, and the loss of over 50 men, the remainder of the company held their ground and met the Germans with rifle fire and the bayonet. Personally, I am immensely proud of the way my company worked and consider that no Infantry could have done more. In this, Major Buckle cordially agreed, and spoke to the company, praising them for their resolute and soldierly behaviour.

This ends my part of the story and I append that of Moulton-Barrett. From what I have since heard, mot only did the Regiment gain great credit by their resolute action in holding the position, but when the line was broken on our left subsequent to the 26th, the action of the Regiment saved that part of the line from a very serious situation. Our losses during this week were severe, 12 out of 14 officers and over 300 men being killed, wounded and missing, and we have to deplore the loss of many brave comrades; but at the same time, one cannot help being thrilled with pride at the noble way in which all ranks answered to the Call of Duty.

II.-BY CAPTAIN E. T. MOULTON-BARRETT.

To continue Tulloch's narrative and to say what I know of the situation during the heavy fighting commencing on October 24th, I must first say that when a trench is referred to, a trench containing one platoon is implied.

October 24th was a very dark night, and about 8 p.m. heavy musketry fire was going on from three companies left trench, which had some high wire entanglement about 25ft, in front of it. It was said that some of the enemy were endeavouring to cut the wire, while some others were throwing up a rough trench about 60ft away. This was "pooh-poohed" by a section of the occupants of the trench, but at dawn on October 25th, it was found that the firing was justified and three dead Germans were found at the entanglement, and a short distance in front was some newly thrown up earth.

Major Buckle came into the trench and asked for a volunteer to go forward and see if any Germans were behind the parapett. Without any hesitation, Lee Corpl. Wright, of B parapet. Without any hesitation, Lce.-Corpl. Wright, of B Company, went over the parapet and made a reconnaisance. On his return he stated there were "no live Germans but a dozen dead ones." On the evening of the same day, Sergt. Bishop took out a party to fill in this new trench. He had a covering party, consisting of Lce.-Corpl. Wright and three men, whilst 12 men went with him with shovels. This was accomplished with no firing. On the morning of the 26th, it was apparent that some of the enemy must have crawled forward, as enough earth to hide two men had again been thrown up as enough earth to hide two men had again been thrown up, but on this occasion they were not heard.

During the night 25-26th, some firing was coming from B Company's right trench. In the morning about 15 of the enemy lay dead 50ft. away from the trench.

Towards the evening of the 26th, we were being subjected to a very heavy shrapnel fire in the support trenches, similar to that as described by Tulloch.

October 27th. Up to 2 p.m. all had been comparatively quiet, when suddenly a hail of bullets was showered on A and B Company's support trenches and some other British Troops, having fallen back from the line which they held, were seen coming through our lines. Thereupon, the supports were taken out of their trenches and moved to a position about 50 yards away, lining a road at right angles to the general line of our trenches in order to cover our left which was now exposed. Some crawled forward, but it was impossible to get very far owing to the heavy fire of the enemy they were under the whole time. On arrival at the road the enemy could be seen collecting in masses about 250 yards from us. We opened fire and they did not advance.

It is difficult to state the Germans' actions, movement by movement, but it is clear that they wished to get round to the back of our fire trenches but owing to the determined manner in which our men held the road with odds roughly of four to one against them, the enemy were frustrated in their attempt. Great credit was due to C.M.S. Penny on this day for the cool manner in which he behaved-walking along smoking a cigarette and entirely collected, his action acting as a great steadier on the men in this critical situation; since at this time there was a gap of at least 400 yards on the left of our line of trenches.

Now, as the enemy saw that the road was denied them, they decided to extend their right and so overlap our flank, but further down the road D Company, who were then in reserve, conformed to our movements, and so extending our line. This was still insufficient and the Germans got into a village (Neuve Chappelle) on our left flank, having thus completely broken through the British front line. Dusk was beginning to fall and owing to a request on our part for reinforcements, we learnt that the 9th Bhopal Infantry were coming to our help; in the meantime there was a small incident worth recalling. On one occasion a couple of men appeared round a house, and when challenged, replied "We are English," which reply was greeted by a volley from our men, as such a reply deserved, as it is a well-known trick of the enemy to reply to a challenge in English. Just before the 9th Bhopal Infantry came up, we could hear the Germans collecting preparatory to a charge, calling out "Deutsche hier," but on the arrival of native troops, they withdrew. That night, we had to re-adjust our line temporarily. The 9th B.I. prolonging our left, bending the line back from our left flank as the trenches formerly held by British troops were now occupied by the Germans.

The following conversation was overheard by an Officer in the 9th B.I. passing behind one of our trenches:

Pte. A: Hallo! Who's that passing behind the trench? Pte. B: That? Why that's an officer.

Pte. A: But we ain't got no officers left now. Pto. B: That's a British officer of the native troops.

Pte. A: Thank Heaven. I'm glad to know there are still some officers about.

On October 28th we were told that a combined force of British, French and Native troops were going to make an attack and re-take the trenches lost the previous day, consequently our artillery started shelling Neuve Chappelle very heavily. But in the meantime the enemy were also shelling our trenches preparatory to an attack. They were beginning to develop their attack and when the Allies discovered this, and devoted their efforts in attempting to shell the hostile infantry, but unfortunately, their shots fell short and we in the fire trenches, were subjected to both shrapnel and heavy artillery fire from friend and foe. About 2.45 p.m. the Germans attack having developed more quickly than our own, they were enabled to push a force of about 400 men through the gap which had yet to be filled. From our point of view in the fire trenches, it was impossbile to do anything beyond getting two men to fire over the left traverse of the left trench. Shortly after this, we had a number of shots in our backs, but these ceased in about 15 minutes. I, myself, was in the fire trenches, and consequently can give no actual account of what went on in the support and reserve trenches. But at dusk, I took a small party to visit the head-quarter and reserve trenches, and I found the Germans had been there but had departed. Thus ended five days of very severe fighting and the Regiment had managed to hold the line allotted to them, without once having been compelled to withdraw, although at times the enemy had completely turned our flank and were behind us.

III .- BY LIEUT, W. V. PALMER.

The account of the fighting between the 24th and the 28th October, written by Tulloch and Moulton-Barrett, describes what took place in the firing line trenches held by the Battalion. My narrative only deals with what took place behind the firing line on the 27th and 28th, as on both days I was in the head-quarters and reserve trenches.

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October 27th. About 2 p.m. messages came to headquarters that the Germans had broken through the battalions on our left and were enfilading our trenches. This soon became very apparent to us, for the 200 yards of plough which separated the Reserves from headquarters was swept by a very heavy rifle fire from the left. The commanding officer at once ordered me to get the Reserve Company (D Company, about 80 strong) into a position to meet this flank movement. This could best be carried out by lining a road about 50 yards from the Reserve trenches which ran parallel to the enemy's advance. Unfortunately in the noise the order went wrong and only about 20 men lined the road, the remainder moving to another position. However our numbers were slightly increased by some officers and men of the Regiment which had been on our left, and these undertook to protect my left flank by holding a farm building about 100 yards down the road. As soon as we had lined the road we could see the Germans about 500 yards away moving across our front to the left and apparently using the vacated trenches to enable them to do so, while at the same time they brought a heavy and accurate fire to bear on us. As the Germans continued to move round my left. I went down the road towards the farm to ascertain if they were moving round behind us, and was promptly fired at by a party which had worked up to the farm unseen. What happened to the troops holding the farm I cannot say, but they disappeared and accordingly my left had to be thrown back still further, and the Battalion was now facing the enemy in three directions, front, left flank and left rear. Shortly after this, in the darkness who to our great relief proved to be Native Infantry coming to support us.

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The trenches which had been vacated on the 27th were to be re-taken and the village of Neuve Chapelle occupied. At 11 a.m. a general bombardment of the enemy's position would be undertaken by our brigade of guns, assisted by nine French batteries, and at 11.15 a.m. the line would commence its advance. As the Battalion had had not vacated its trenches on the 27th it had no advance to make but the advance was to be supported by our fire. However, soon after 12 noon B and C Companies reported that, the Germans were attacking in front of their trenches. This attack apparently developed all along the line, for soon after two o'clock the enemy again broke through on our left flank and again we were heavily enfladed. While endeavouring to get what remained of D Company out of the reserve trenches, I caught an enfilade bullet, which broke my leg, and left me on an open field which was apparently the target for the artillery and infantry of both sides, for it was swept by a very heavy fire for a considerable period. From my position I could see little of what was going on, but as there was rifle fire on both sides of us, I imagined our companies had been compelled to withdraw, especially as at

about 5 p.m. a party of Germans came within 100 yards of me from the direction of our firing line. However, at 9 p.m., I was picked by a patrol from C Company, who to my intense delight delight told he that the Battalion had never moved from its trenches.

IV .- BY LIEUT. H. B. H. WHITE, D.S.O.

About 7 p.m. on the night of October 28th Captain Moulton-Barrett, who was wounded in the head, came to me and said that Second Lieutenant Russell and I were the only officers left, and that owing to the retirement of the regiments on our left, the Germans had broken through the line, and that we were in danger on that flank, and also on the left rear, about a quarter of a mile off. C Company was then on the right of the firing line and B Company on the left. A and D Companies, who were in support, had retired, owing to a mistaken order, having no officers with them. I was in command of C Company and Second Lieutenant Russell of B Company.

Captain Moulton-Barrett then had to leave owing to his wound, and I communicated the situation to the headquarters of the 7th Brigade. The strength of the two companies in the firing line was about 200, each company having one platoon in support. The Yorkshire Light Infantry were still holding their trenches on our right, which made that flank safe.

Having posted the night sentries I went to find some staff officer, and after some trouble I found Captain B—, Staff Capt. of the Brigade. He informed me that about 90 men of A and F Companies were coming up to support me, that the Duke of Cornwall's were advancing to support the Yorkshire Light Infantry on our left and two companies of the Bedfords and one of the Cheshires on our left. At about 11 o'clock, after a consultation between Major Allason, commanding the Bedford Companies, Captain Blake and myself, it was decided that C Company should hold its trenches, but that B Company should be thrown back almost at right angles to C Company, facing the village, which the Germans had now occupied. The two companies of the Bedfords, and the one company of the Cheshires prolonging to the left. At about 11.30 p.m. B Company in spite of a most arduous day, dug fresh trenches, and were warmly complimented by the Staff Captain at a later date. About 12 midnight the remnants of A and D Companies, about 100 strong, came up under Acting Company Sergt. Majors Mockford and Duffield respectively. I then detailed a fatigue party from them to go and draw rations and teas, the remainder assisting B Company to dig their trenches.

By dawn on the 29th these trenches were completed, B and C Companies being in the firing line, with A and D Companies in support in a ditch behind B Company, which had been improvised into a support trench.

During the day we were under hot shell and machine gun fire, otherwise the day was uneventful. At 2 a.m. on October 30th the Seaforth Highlanders relieved us and we marched to Tauret, where we picked up the transport and had dinner. At 3 p.m. we marched to Merville, where we billeted for the night. At 1 p.m. on October 31st we marched to Cnoix Coutre, near Fletre, where we billeted again. On November 1st Colonel Martyn, who had been in command of the 13th Brigade took over command. The Battalion and also the Yorkshire Light Infantry were during October attached to the 7th Brigade.

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THE CASUALTIES.

We publish hereunder the names of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion who have fallen in action, have been wounded, or are missing from October 22nd to November 30th These include those who fell in the course of the very gallant fight which is described on another page.

KILLED.

Allan, Pte. W.
Boother, Pte. J.
Bennett, Pte. F. T.
Biggs, Pte. W. J.
Barker, Pte. S.
Barker, Pte. D. S.
Baker, Pte. J. E.
Brennan, Pte. J. J.
Brackley, Pte. A. J.
Brackley, Pte. A. J.
Bovis, Pte. D.
Bullin, Pte. T.
Bruce, Pte. W.
Brill, Pte. H.
Cable, Lc.-Corpl. W.
Cox, Pte. J.
Cogger, Pte. A. W.
Cox, Pte. J.
Crouch, Pte. P. J.
Cain, Pte. H. J.
Cleggett. Pte. T.
Cook, Pte. G.
Duffield, Pte. E. C.
Day, Pte. J.
Dunn, Pte. G.
Eldridge, Pte. P.
Everist, Pte. A.

Ford, Pte. C.
Goldsmith, Pte. W.
Gomm. Lc-Corpl. E.
Glanville, Pte. F.
Gorman, Lc-Corpl. J.
Guess, Lc-Corpl. J.
Guess, Lc-Corpl. H.
Hoskins, Pte. H.
Howell, Pte. S.
Hart, Pte. H. T.
Hodge, Pte. W.
Hayes, Pte. T.
Hymers, Pte. T.
Hymers, Pte. T.
Judge, Pte. T. G.
Jenner, Pte. W. C.
Johnson, Pte. T. P.
Knight, Pte. H.
Knight, Pte. G.
Lawrence, Pte. H.
Lawrence, Lc-Corpl, A.
Lee, Pte. H.
Long, Pte, A.
Miles, Pte. A.
Noble, Drummer G.

Noble, Pte. G.
Ogden, Pte. W.
Peters, Pte. J.
Potter, Pte. W. G.
Patston, Pte. W. G.
Parsons, Pte. R.
Powell Sergt. J.
Penny, C.S.M. W.
Ridgers, Lc.-Corpl. J.
Restfall, Pte. P. J.
Routledge, Pte. W.
Rutley, Lc-Corpl. H.
Reeves, Pte. A.
Sullivan, Pte. D.
Stubbs, Pte. H.
Stedman, Pte. T. H.
Skinner, Pte. J.
Sage, Pte. A.
Tice, Pte. W. H.
Underwood, Lc-Corpl. J.
Waghorn, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. R.
White, Pte. J.
Watts, Drummer C.

WOUNDED.

Angus, Pte. H. J.
Allen, Pte. J.
Avery, Lc-Corpl. G.
Avery, Lc-Corpl. G.
Andrews, Pte. T.
Ashby, Pte. F.
Ashdown, Lc-Corpl. A.
Arnold, Pte. E.
Aimes, Lc-Corpl. T.
Addington, Pte. W.
Barrier, Pte. H. G.
Bennett, Pte. W.
Beed, Pte. F.
Banlss, Pte. A.
Birkett, Pte. G.
Briselden, Pte. E.
Butler, Pte. W.
Butcher, Lc-Corpl. J.
Barrett, Pte. W.
Butcher, Lc-Corpl. J.
Barrett, Pte. W.
Butcher, Lc-Corpl. J.
Barrett, Pte. T.
Brown, Pte. A.
Bampton, Pte. H.
Bates, Pte. W.
Brummitt, Pte. E.
Biggs, Pte. W.
Brummitt, Pte. E.
Bigss, Pte. W.
Blunt, Pte. J.
Brooker, Pte. J.
Brooker, Pte. H.
Burton, Pte. C.
Barker, Pte. F.
Birch, Pte. W.
Bishop, Sergt. S.
Brown, Lc-Corpl. G.
Banfield, Corpl. A.
Batterham, Pte. A.
Batterham, Pte. A.
Bull, Pte. E.
Banks, Pte. R.
Barnes, Pte. C.
Blisset, Pte. H.
Bunyer, Pte. A.
Carr, Pte. S.
Caley, Pte. G.
Crowhurst, Pte. H.
Cooper, Lc-Corpl. J.
Clear, Pte. C.
Collins, Pte. W.
Castleman, Pte. A.
Coomber, Pte. F.
Culwich, Sergt. J.
Crowhurst, Corpl. S.
Cork, Pte. G.

Goodman, Pte. H.
Goat, Pte. G.
Giles, Pte. G.
Groves, Lc-Corpl. H.
Goldsmith, Pte. H.
Grimley, Corpl. W.
Gray, Pte. R.
Haley, Pte. M.
Hinton. Pte. H.
Hodgson, Corpl. W.
Hand, Pte. W.
Hayler, Pte. W.
Hayler, Pte. W.
Hellier, Lc-Corpl. R.
Halewood, Pte. A.
Hickmott, Pte. G.
Hawkes, Pte. J.
Hunter, Lc-Corpl. H.
Hannant. Pte. W.
Heritage, Pte. R.
Herbert, Pte. R.
Hollands, Pte. A.
Hollands, Pte. A.
Hollands, Pte. J.
Johnson, Pte. C.
James, Pte. J.
Johnson, Pte. C.
Jeffery, Pte. G.
Jaikens, Pte. W.
Johnson, Pte. G.
Jaikens, Pte. W.
Johnson, Pte. G.
Jarman, Pte. G.
Lelliott, Pte. H.
Lane, Pte. T.
Lynham, Pte. G.
Luckhurst, Pte. J.
Lloyd, Pte. T.
Louvet, Pte. E.
Lynch, Pte. J.
Lea, Pte. W.
Lowry, Pte. G.
Lambert, Pte. C.
Lambert, Pte. C.
Lambert, Pte. C.
Lynons, Pte. C.
Lambert, Pte. C.
Miller, Pte. C.

Padmore, Lc-Corpl. E.
Piggott, Pte. F.
Piggott, Pte. F.
Pearce, Pte. H.
Purnell, Pte. E.
Payne, Pte E.
Payne, Pte J.
Peters, Pte. W.
Pinks, Pte. J.
Perkins, Pte. J.
Rogers, Pte. W.
Revees, Pte W.
Revees, Pte W.
Russell, Pte. F.
Robinson, Pte. T.
Rowe, Pte. J.
Raby, Pte. C.
Rose, Pte. C.
Rutherford, Lc-Corpl. A.
Roots, Pte. J.
Rapson, Lc-Corpl. W.
Richards, Pte. J.
Sargent, Pte. D.
Sweet, Pte. A.
Sexton, Lc-Corpl. W. E.
Smith, Corpl. W. C.
Stewart, Pte. A.
Sexton, Lc-Corpl. W.
Smith, Pte. T.
Slackford, Pte.
Simkins, Pte. W.
Smith, Sergt. F.
Seagraves, Pte. A.
Sinort, Pte. J.
Stanford, Pte. J.
Saring, Pte. A.
Sylvester, Pte. J.
Saring, Pte. J.
Swan, Pte. F.
Still, Pte. T. Steel. Pte. J.

Clinch, Pte. W.
Croxford Pte C.
Collins, Pte. G.
Crouch Pte. H.
Cole, Pte. F.
Dryden, Pte. A.
Diekinson, Pte. A.
Down, Pte. E.
Dolan, Pte. H.
Driscoll, Pte. D.
Daley, Pte. J.
Diplock, Pte S.
Davis, Sergt. F.
Dudley, Pte. T.
Dempstc., Pte. F,
Dearlove, Pte. W.
Doughty, Pte. E.
Elmes, Lc-Corpl. E.
Friar, Lc-Corpl. E.
Friar, Lc-Corpl. E.
Friar, Lc-Corpl. F.
Fry, Pte. W.
Field, Pte. T.
Flyn, Pte. J.
Froster, Corpl. F.
Fry, Pte. W.
Field, Pte. T.
Flyn, Pte. J.
Frowler, Pte. J.
Francis, Pte. J.
Francis, Pte. J.
Frowler, Pte. J.
Frowler, Pte. J.
Freeman, Pte. H.
Freak, Pte. C.
Floyd, Pte. F.
Glies, Pte. J.
Grieg, Pte. E.
Golding, Pte. R.
Giles, Pte. J.
Greig, Pte. E.
Golding, Pte. R.
Gadsdon, Pte. A
Glazebrook, Pte. S.
Greenstrect, Pte. J.
Croughty Pte. C.
Poter, Lc-Corpl. J.
Greig, Pte. E.
Golding, Pte. R.
Goldsdon, Pte. A
Glazebrook, Pte. S.
Greenstrect, Pte. J.
Croughty, Pte. W.
Murphy, Pte. C.
Murphy, Pte. S.
Mills, Lc-Corpl. M.
Marshall, Pte. M.
Mars

Stiggins, Pte. R.
Toms, Pte. A.
Tibble, Pte. W.
Taylor, Pte. E.
Tuffin, Pte. T. W.
Thompson, Pte. J.
Taylor, Pte. G.
Tucker. Lc-Corpl. J.
Taylor, Pte. W.
Thurston, Pte. W.
Thurston, Pte. H.
Turner, Pte. J.
Vine, Pte. A.
W.
Whacker, Lc-Corpl. W.
Weller, Pte. C.
Wood, Pte. W.
Wick, Pte. T.
Woodhams, Pte. W.
Walpole, Pte. A.
Walpole, Pte. A.
Walpole, Pte. A.
Walpor, Pte. E.
Westcott, Pte. G.
Walker, Pte. J.
Weller, Pte W.
Walker, Pte. J.
Wallace, Pte. C.
Wormersley, Pte. C.
Whinleringham, Pte. A.
Whison, Pte. F.
Weller, Pte. J.
Whattam, Lc-Corpl. J.
Woodhams, Pte. J.
Williams, Pte. A.
Wilson, Lc-Corpl. W.
Wash, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. A.
Wilson, Lc-Corpl. W.
Wash, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. W.
Walker, Pte. W.
Williams, Pte. F.
Young, Pte. F.

MISSING.

Bristowe, Ptc. G. Blackeby, Ptc. F. Bullard, Ptc. H. Collins, Ptc. J. Curtis, Ptc. J. Curtis, Ptc. J. Curtis, Ptc. J. Collins, Ptc. J. Collins, Ptc. A. Cole, Ptc. W. Cooksey, Ptc. H. Coopes, Ptc. H. Coopes, Ptc. J. Claxton, Ptc. J. Cridland, Ptc. J. Cridland, Ptc. J. Dyke, Ptc. A. Dodd, Ptc. J. Ely, Ptc G. Finch, Ptc. J. Fermor, Ptc. W. Foster, Ptc. J. Fife, Ptc. A. Goodwin, Ptc. M. Garvey, Ptc. M. Garvey, Ptc. M. Garvey, Ptc. J. Graham, Ptc. G. Grady, Ptc. J. Harden, Lc-Corpl. C. Hunt, Ptc. T. Hayward, Ptc. F.

Killed.

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MISSING.

Harris, Pte. W.
Higgins, Pte. A.
Hart, Pte. J.
Jameson, Pte. H.
Johnson, Pte. G.
Kemp, Lc.Corpl. F.
Kent, Pte. A.
Kitchen, Pte. W.
Keep, Pte. W.
Lawes, Pte. F.
Longhurst. Pte. H.
Morgan. Pte. C.
Marrant, Pte. H.
Mott, Pte. W.
Miles, Pte. W.
Miles, Pte. W.
Miles, Pte. G.
Phillips, Pte. E.
Pope, Pte. L.
Payne, Pte. J.
Packman, Pte. J.
Packman, Pte. J.
Pearson, Pte. J.
Perfkins, Pte. A.
Parr, Pte. H.
Ransome, Pte. J.
Richardson, Pte. G.
Rolfe, Pte. S.

Rigby, Pte. G.
Reeves, Sergt. G.
Reove, Pte. J.
Spicer, Pte. J.
Spicer, Pte. J.
Swell, Sergt. H.
Stedman, Corpl. G.
Simpson, Pte. F.
Semark, Pte. J.
Scully, Pte. J.
Smith, Pte. W.
Smith, Pte. J.
Scully, Pte. J.
Smith, Pte. W.
Strong, Corpl. F.
Standen, Pte. W.
Strong, Corpl. F.
Sheppard, Lc-Corpl. A.
Smith, Pte. A.
Swage, Pte. A.
Turner, Pte. F.
Townes, Pte. A.
Ward, Pte. G.
Wilkins, Pte. J.
Ward, Pte. J.
West, Pte. J.
West, Pte. J.
Waghorn, Pte. A.
Woolhead, Lc-Corpl. J
Wallace, Pte. H.

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Battalion Correspondence.

THE Editor has to thank Correspondents for the excellent matter they have sent in, most of which from the point of view of literary value, is equal to anything which appears in the daily Press.

We owe a profound apology to the Ninth Battalion for the tragic disappearance of its November copy. It came to hand (writes the Editor) and I placed it on my writing table. I told my secretary to be awfully careful with it because the Colonel of the 9th being my old Adjutant, I am naturally in some awe of him. Later, my secretary told me that he had " sent it on," whereupon, I cursed him with great heartiness for I hadn't read the manuscript. I wrote to the printer, but although the printer had heard of many strange things (such as the passage of the Russians through England with the snow still glistening on their boots), he had not heard anything about the 9th Battalion copy. The situation was serious. My secretary was emphatic. I was annoyed.

The mystery of the 9th Battalion manuscript is one which perhaps will never be cleared up. The only possible clue I can give is that when it is discovered, it will bear the thumb-mark of my man. If it doesn't, it will be the only piece of paper that he had ever handled that he hasn't left his thumb print upon.

E.W.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

the following officers have joined the Battalion during the month of November: — From Expeditionary Force: Captain E. F.
Moulton Barrett, Second Lieutenants S. C. Tinne and N. P.
McClelland. From Sandhurst: Second Lieutenants C. H. Windrum
and W. L. Wigam. 3rd Battalion: Lieutenants C. H. W. Taylor and
M. Woods, Second Lieutenants J. H. Ashton. J. Craston, R. E.
H. Healey, K. Sheriff, B. C. K. Job, F. T. Mansfield. G. P. Burdett
and E. J. Joel.

The following officers have left to join the Expeditionary Force: Captains C. T. Tuff and P. T. Mills; Lieutenant W. F. MacNeece. Second Lieutenants J. D. Burrows, E. A. Sharpin, J. F. Burbury, C. H. Windrum and F. B. Le Cocq.

One hundred and thirty N.C.O.'s and men have joined the Battalion from the Expeditionary Force.

6TH BATTALION NEWS.

A COMPANY

The new Battalion was started in Dublin, when two officers and 15 N.C.O.'s were selected to form its nucleus. Of this number C.Q.M.S. J. Mobberley, Sergt. H. Hibbett, Sergt. J. Glover, Sergt, S. Mills are serving with this Company. It was very disappointing to them to have to forgo the chance of serving with their comrades ir France; however, they were urgently required to form part of of the new army, and they all hope their chance of active service is only postponed. When the first hundred men had enlisted they were sent to Colchester under the command of Captain R. L. White, with Col.-Sergt. Taylor as C.S.M. Another hundred followed on the 19th of August under Lieut. Anstruther, Col.-Sergt. J. Mobberley as C.Q.M.S. Our sojourn at Colchester was of a short duration and we C.Q.M.S. Our sojourn at Colchester was of a short duration and we were ordered to move into camp at Purfleet on August 29th, 1914. On our arrival at the latter place, Captain K. L. White was ordered to join the 3rd Battalion. We were sorry to lose Captain White, but fortunate enough to have Captain C. F. Waterfield at hand, who was on leave in England when the war broke out, and was ordered to join our company.

Our new comrades, who had answered their country's call with such admirable promptness, soon began to take shape under the supervision of Captain Waterfield, who received the loyal support of his N.C.O.'s, whose training in the 1st Battalion proved of very great value.

As time went on it began to be a little discomforting in camp with the cold and rain, but everything possible was done to make the men as comfortable as possible, and the messing was greatly improved through the efforts of Major Hotham, supported by a committee composed of the S.M. and C.Q.M.S. At the time of writing we are under orders to move to Sandling Junction, where

huts have been provided for us, and right glad everyone will be to leave this place, which has been given the name of "Purfleet on the Mud." At the time of writing, the news arrived telling us of the wonderful deeds of heroism performed by our comrades in the 1st Battalion, and I can safely say that every heart in this Battalion thrilled with pride to think of those gallant men of the senior Battalion, both the living and the dead, who had once again proved that the won of Kort and Kortich was called the reliable and the dead. that the men of Kent and Kentish men could be relied on at what-ever cost to uphold the honour of our Great Empire. On behalf of this Company I should like to tell them how proud we are to be able to serve in the same regement; as such heroes. Many old comrades have rejoined to serve their country in its hour of need. I understand their names have been published in a previous issue, and it will be seen that many names appear of officers, N.C.O.s' and men who have done much to make the modern history of the Regimen who have done much to make the modern history of the Regiment. All honour to them for their self sacrifice. I would like our comrades in France to know that we are making great progress in our training, and soon three new Battalions will find their way abroad, with the hope of emulating the great and glorious deeds which the 1st Battalion have added lustre to the good old regiment. I will finish by wishing our comrades in France A Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will see the victory of our arms in this the greatest of all wars. the greatest of all wars.

B COMPANY.

The topmost thing in our minds at the moment of writing is that we are still at Purfleet—and under canvas. But after many rumours (which grow wonderfully in camp) we expect definitely to be in huts at Sandling by Saturday evening next. 28th November inst.—a move looked forward to with eagerness. It is very much worth noting that the men have gone through hard weather conditions with splendid spirit—the old British spirit is a long way from being offers.

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The great topic of the week has been the magnificent tribute paid to our brothers at the front by General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien. We are proud of them, and proud of the honour of wearing the same badge. It would not be a matter of surprise if the master tailor were kept busy enlarging service coats, and we believe every man's service cap is now too small. The cap badges are quite brilliant. Joking aside, what a glorious thing it is for us to know that our regiment has earned this glowing tribute. Soldiers do not waste words, and we may feel sure that every word counts heavily. The men of B Company will not forget when they are in the trenches, and every man will be true "Royal West Kent." He will stick to his job like his older brother.

We are in our second week of company training, and go through a hard morning's work with great cheerfulness and good humour.

a hard morning's work with great cheerfulness and good humour. Any amount of energy is shown, and every man tries to do well. Perhaps undue bravery is shown on the part of some sections, who get put out of action for exposing themselves to very heavy rifle fire. Scouts, too, should not go to within five or six yards of the enemy, and then semaphore to their friends. Our men swing along the road with a rhythmic stride, and have a great fondness for the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Other hymn tunes are sung but to words composed by our own poets.

If our men at the front have covered themselves with glory, we have been able to cover ourselves only with mud—black, tenacious, Purfleet mud, inducive of some excess of language, pardonable and privileged under the circumstances. An Englishman must grumble, we do—at the weather, the mud, and all sorts of things, but the main note is a breezy cheerfulness. We sing a great deal, too—favourite popular songs, and many of our own make.

C COMPANY

Owing to our very able correspondent being on the sick list, it has fallen to my hard lot to take up the heavy task of compiling "something" for the "Queen's Own Gazette."

Perhaps I should "kick off" by saying how proud we all are of the heroic deeds of the "Queen's Own" in the trenches, where they have nobly upheld the glorious traditions of the Regiment.

The Company is maintaining a very high state of efficiency in marching, digging and firing, and it is the hope of one and all that cre long we shall take our places amongst them in the trenches, and enjoy (!) all the hardships and risks of the fight.

We were all very sorry to lose our popular commander, Colonel Robinson, C.M.G., but we have no doubt that our loss is some other's gain. We trust we may meet him in Germany.

The top-scorers in the "firing" were presented with watches and tobacco pouches, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather, a high average was attained.

We think, however, that a prize of some sort should be awarded to C.Q.M.S. Murphy, who was undoubtedly "Company Shot" because "he says so!"

We are all very cheerful, despite the rain and cold and mud, and we are all hoping to be at Sandling by Christmas, if not before. Still, "it's a long, long way to dear old Sandling!"

The new draft of recruits are to be complimented upon their fit appearance, and we hope that they will soon become accustomed to the rigours and hardships of "Lo vie militaire."

D COMPANY

Nearing the end of November, and still "mudlarking" at Purfleet. Happily the date of removal to Sandling, November 28th, is fast approaching and is hailed with delight by all hands. The weather of the last fortnight has been anything but pleasant; keen frosts in the night, with rain and gales in the day. The bad weather, however, has not damped the spirits of the men, and now that the musketry course is completed, company training, in which the men are keenly interested, is being carried on.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Sergeants at Belhus Fark, Aveley, in response to the kind invitation of their brother sergeants of the 7th Battalion. The Corporals also had an invitation from the Corporals of the 7th and mustered in strong force. A lengthy musical programme was rendered, and there were the usual speeches of thanks, toasts, etc.

The huts here are nearing completion and will shortly be occupied by the brigade at present under canvas at Belhus Park. They are situated on sloping ground, appear very cosy and comfortable, and it is certain that the change to them will be greatly appreciated by the men.

A farewell smoker by the sergeants is contemplated, and the arrangements are in the hands of a small but efficient committee. Colonel Robinson and Captain Waterfield were given a right hearty send off on their departure for the front. Their loss will be keenly felt by the whole battalion. The painfully sudden death of Major Hotham cast a gloom over the camp, for he was a most popular officer.

General Smith Dorrien's address to the First Battalion has aroused great enthusiasm among the men here, who are most eager to emulate the doughty deeds of those who have done so much to upholo the honour of a famous regiment.

7TH BATTALION NEWS.

Before this letter appears in print, we shall have changed our habitation once more, as we leave Belhus Park on November 28th, to move into our permanent winter quarters at Purfleet.

The Battalion should be very comfortable there, as the accommodation includes, dining hall, drying rooms, reading rooms, miniature ranges and other similar luxuries.

On November 5th the Brigade was given a half holiday, which was devoted to Football.

The Officers first played the N.C.O.'s, and owing to their superior pace and (whisper it) weight, ran out winners by 2 goals to nil.

Company matches were then played, and B Company beat A, and C Company beat D, but owing to the amount of overtime required to reach these decisions, there was not sufficient time to play the final which has therefore been postponed to a later date.

On November 4th, a very successful concert was given by

the Kew Freemasons' Lodge.

A large party of ladies and gentlemen motored down from Kew in very bad weather, and their kindness was much appreciated by the Battalion. An account of this concert

appears elsewhere in these columns.

Training proceeds apace, and the winter hours are all too short for our programme of work. Although the work is hard, all ranks are buoyed up by the hopes of fitting themselves to give efficient support before long to our comrades at the Front, of whose deeds we have received such glorious accounts.

SMOKING CONCERT.

A highly successful concert was given to the above Battalion at Belhus Park, Aveley, on the evening of Wednesday, November 4th, under the auspices of the Kayhough (Kew) Freemasons' Lodge. Col. Prior (O.C.), supported by Major Stevenson and a large number of Officers presided over a very full house. In this instance, a large marquee-and a programme of exceptional merit both in execution and arrangement was greatly enjoyed by an audience that expressed its appreciation of the various items in no half measures. The evergreen, James Chilcott, was in fine form with "The Drum Major," "Back to the Land," "Onions," in fine form with "The Drum Major," "Back to the Land," "Onions," etc., whilst Walter Walters in his character sketches was no less successful as a laughter producer. Mr. Frederick Copping, with "Heroes and Gentlemen" and "Tommy Lad," and Mr. Frank Hollis with "Tipperary" and "Come my Lads and be a Soldier," were in their best "Town" form in these topical songs. "England" by Archibald Fellowes was also given in a good rousing style. Mrs. W. D. Hutchings displayed a rich contrallo voice in "Sweetheart," and Miss May Chanter with her heautifully trained voice and particularly winning style, delighted beautifully trained voice and particularly winning style, delighted everyone with "Little Blue 'Kerchief," "Little Dameselle" etc. Recitations were given by Miss Fay Metcalfe, and her little characteristic French poems, together with "Foutleroy" quite "took" the boys. Miss Madeline Warner with violon cello selections created some astonishment and enthusiasm by her skilful playing, and Miss Margaret Reeve, another representative of a talented family, was equally pleasing with her violin solos (Kriesler). Mr. Arthur Sullivan with banjo solos effectively added to the instrumental side of the programme, and Mr. W. G. Ross as accompanist was a great factor in the evening's success. On completion of the programme, Col. Prior expressed his thanks to the artistes for a most enjoyable evening and to the ladies particularly, for visiting the camp under such adverse conditions of weather. Dr. L. C. Burrell replying for the visitors, said he was sure that the pleasure given could not be greater than the pleasure it gave them all to come down to the camp, and do something to add to the happiness of all present.

Before dispersing, the National Anthems of the Allies, accompanied and led by Lieut. Anstruther, were lustily sung by all.

During the evening, a plentiful supply of cigarettes was distributed, thanks to Mr. Moon (Ardath Tobacco Company) and other visitors who also brought down a huge parcel of magazines and books.

SERGEANTS' CONCERT.

On November 5th, the Sergeants of the above Battalion entertained their own Officers and the Sergeants of the 6th Battalion to a smoking concert The guests turned up in full force and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Sergeant Major Tapp made an excellent chairman, and under his able management the long programme went with a swing from start to finish. The refreshments were under the able supervision of Sergeant Mansell, who worked hard supplying the numerous wants of the large number of

The following songs and toasts were submitted by members of the two Regiments, the accompanist being Serjeant Longley :-

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Overture, "Nights of Gladness," Sergeant Longley. Song, "I saw Peter Henry home," O.R. Sergt. McEnuff. Song, "The Vetran's song," Sergt.-Major Allen. Toast, "H.M. The King." Song, "Listen to me and I'll prove that I'm right," Sergt. Urquhart. Song, "Asleep in the deep," O.R. Sergt. Mills. Song, "The old soldier," Sergeant Evitt. Song, "I looked out of the window," Sergt. Holliday. Song, "Tommy Atkins," Co.Q.M. Sergt. Burge. Song, "Norah," Co.Q.M.-Sergt. Murphy. Toast, "Our Officers," Sergt.-Major Tapp. Response, Col. A. W. Prior (Commanding 7th Battalion). Song "Father O'Flynn," Lieut. and Adjt. P. N. Anstruther. Song, "The rolling sea," Lieut. and Adjt. P. N. Anstruther. Song, "The rolling sea," Lieut. and Adjt. P. N. Anstruther. Song, "Story of a tin tack," O.R. Sergt. McEnuff. Song. "The poor that help the poor," Sergt. Dale. Toast, "Our comrades at the Front," Major G. E. de St. C. Stevenson. Recitation, "Gunga Din," Lieut. G. W. Summers. Song, "Eliza had hold of my hand," Sergt. Urquhart. Song, "Deathless Army," Major G. E. de St. Stevenson. Cornet Solo, "The Rosary," Corporal Smith. Recitation (comic) "Half a league," O.R. Sergt. McEnuff. Song, "The Spaniard that blighted my life," Sergt. Mitchell. Toast, "Sergeants of the 6th Battalion," Sergt.-Major Tapp. Song, "Devon, glorious Devon," Lieut. and Adjt. P. N. Anstruther. Response for the 6th Battalion, Sergeant-Major Allen. "God Save the King."

9TH BATTALION NEWS.

Yet another Battalion of the Royal West Kents! and no doubt some more to follow.

This Battalion was formed as a separate unit on 24th October, though the majority of the men had been with the 3rd Battalion for several weeks. To-day, 9th December, we have reached the strength of 1,102, all ranks, namely, 34 officers, 2 warrant officers, 63 N.C.O's., and 1,001 privates. Our officers are Lieut.-Col. O. J. Daniell, Commanding, Lieut.-Col. T. T. Burt, second in command, Major F. Walter, Major W. T. Boucher, Major A. J. P. Annesley, Major F. R. Bader, Captain G. Bonham-Carter, Captain G. H. Walker Myln, Lieuts. L. Spalding, C. Tuff, and H. Johnson, 2nd Lieuts. A. Miskin, G. Smith, R. Burnett, E. Bozman, O. Willis, N. Johns, L. Bartlett, C. Allchin, J. Whitehead, W. Hewett, C. Marsh, R. Wade, J. Hughes, J. Croll, M. Cohen, A. Gregson, W. Boucher, A. Melville-Jackson, F. Eustace, L. Apperley, H. Fry, and E. Hubble. 2nd Lieut. R. B. Green (Adjutant), and Lieut. J. R. Wood (Quartermaster). Our Sergeant-Major is W. McVicar, and our Orderly Room Sergeant is Qr.-Mr. Sergeant W. H. Buckham.

The Rev. H. Johnson Church of England) and the Rev. H. Douglas (Presbyterian) have most kindly allowed our men to use their Parish Halls for Recreation purposes in the evenings, and the Rev. Father P. Hessenaker (Roman Catholic Chaplain) also kindly opened his schoolroom for a similar purpose. This thought-

rindly opened his schoolroom for a similar purpose. This thoughtness on their part is greatly appreciated by the men.

Through the kindness of the R.A.M.C. we have two rooms at the entrance to the Volunteer Drill Hall, as our Orderly Room, and also the Billiard Room upstairs as an "Ante Room," the remainder of the large building being used by the R.A.M.C. for wounded men from the front.

Then the O.C. "A" Squadron, East Kent Mounted Rifles, very kindly allowed us to use a large portion of their Drill Hall for our Ouartermaster's Office and Stores

Quartermaster's Office and Stores.

Quite recently Brigadier General W. H. H. Waters, C.V.O., C.M.G., was appointed to command the 93rd Brigade, which comprises the 9th Battalion, The Queens, 14th Battalion Middlesex, 15th Battalion Middlesex, and 9th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

This Brigade forms the 93rd Brigade, 31st Division, 4th Army.

We have had inspections by Brigadier General F. D. Lumley, C.B., Major General L. G. Drummond, C.B., M.V.O. (Inspector of

Infantry) and our New Brigadier.

Considerable talent, both musical and otherwise, has been discovered in the Battalion, and two very successful concerts have been held. The first, which took place early in November, was an initial venture, highly satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the organisers and performers. In addition to the many accomplished artistes which the Battalion provided from its own ranks, we were most fortunate in hearing Mrs. Gibson sing some very catchy popular songs and rag-times, the choruses of which were readily taken up by the audience. The Rev. H. Johnson also met with a very good reception and his songs went with a good swing.

At the second concert, which was held on the 2nd December, Mrs. Gibson again made a great hit and was vociferously "encored." Other items on the programme included Dr. Miskin and Mr. West (of the Middlesex Rept.), whose handling of the 'celle and violing the control of the control o

(of the Middlesex Regt.), whose handling of the 'cello and violin

respectively, displayed great skill.

Private Harris rendered two cornet solos with much effect, and throughout the whole programme Lance Corporal Hogarth's efforts

on the piano were invaluable.

Another concert, on this occasion confined to "A" Company, was held at the end of November, and was the means of unearthing much talent, besides providing a very pleasant evening's entertain-

The Battalion has not had long to wait for its first victory on the field, and its defeat of St. John's Wednesday Association Football Team by 11 goals to 2 augurs well for the result of the match which it shortly hopes to participate in, against "Kaiser Bill's" represen-

Talking of our prospects of being ready for the front shortly, much excitement was evinced to day when an order was received to send to the Gun Wharf and draw rifles. Mutual congratulations were passed that the War Office had so soon realised our efficiency, and it is rumoured that one or two Junior Subalterns actually tarted looking up the Cross-Channel boat services.

The rifles duly varrived, out armed with the 200 D.P.'s that we already have we could do more damage than with our new weapons; for it is a painful fact, but none the less a fact, that our new

arms are solid wood!

During the past fortnight or three weeks the Battalion has been occupied in digging trenches at (passage censored), the types of trench being mostly (excision by censor) and (heavy blue pencil) and despite the fact that most of the men are quite new to this kind of work, it is distinctly a feather in the Battalion's cap to have both General Lumley and General Mullaly's congratulating us on the results and the manner in which the work has been done.

That the War Office believes in combining quality with quantity is well illustrated by the steady stream of subalterns which it has been pouring upon us, and it is confidently expected that if the present rate of supply is kept up we shall be able to form an "E" Company shortly after Christmas consisting entirely of 2nd Lieuts.*

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As regards future doings of the Battanon, I hear that about concert is expected before long, and that we hope to make our debut on the Hockey and Rugby Football Fields as soon as opportunity permits. As a matter of fact we were due to play the H.A.C. at Rugger on their ground, at Blackheath, on the 21st ulto., but this match had to be cancelled. However, we are anticipating their able to get another date for the match, and if rumours as to being able to get another date for the match, and if rumours as to the number of internationals we have amongst us are true, we should be able to give a pretty good account of ourselves. Lest this should reach the eye of our would-be victors I will refrain from mentioning our star players by name, as our opponents might get "cold feet, but I can guarantee that we have got "some" players.

(*A senior officer of the regiment who has evidently had some trou-

ble with the training subaltern officer and to whom this passage was shown, made a caustic reference to "rank and vile," the application

of which escapes us.-Editor).

The Battalion, on formation, was in Lower Barracks, Chathum, but three Companies were at once put into billets near the Drill Hall "D" Company remained intact for a short time, till about half the Company twent into billets, leaving about 170 men in Barracks.

On 7th December, the remainder of D Company, who had managed to retain a precarious foothold on the upper floors of the old married quarters, moved into billets. On December 7th the management of the Rochester Mathematical School very kindly invited about 350 of our men to attend a "rehearsal" of "The Mikado" at their schools in Rochester.

This was gladly accepted, and both the invitation and the per-

formance was greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Th. Regiment will sympathise with our Colonel, whose eldest son, Lieut.-Colonel H. E. B. Leach, Commanding 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers, has been severely wounded in the foot.

Colonel A. Martyn has been wounded in the arm and is at home. We rejoice to know that the wound is not very severe, and that he is progressing favourably.

Lieut. Colonel P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., Commanding 6th Batt., left for the Front on November 17th to take over command of the 1st Battalion. * *

Major O. J. Daniell has been appointed to the command of the 9th Battalion, with the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

The following have been appointed Second in Command:—6th Battalion: Major E. F. Venables.
7th Battalion: Major G. E. Stevenson.
8th Battalion: Major L. B. Hollinshead.
9th Battalion: Major and Hon. Lieut-Colonel T. T. Burt.

Liout.-Colonel H. Isacke has been appointed D.A.Q.M.G. to the Meerut Division, and is at the Front, and Major C. Bonham-Carter, Genera. Staff Officer, Second Grade.

Major F. J. Joslin is with the Expeditionary Force at Havre, and Major F. W. Burbury is a Railhead Commandant "Somewhere in France."

* Captain Buchanan-Dunlop, Lieutenants MacNeece and Brown have joined the 1st Battalion.

Captain J. H. Kennedy is a Recruiting Officer for the County of Norfolk, assisted by Col. Sergt. Brown. *

* * * Captain E. L. A. Heygate is employed in the Remount Depart-

Lieut. H. B. H. White and 2nd Lieut. J. R. Russell, to whose ga'lant conduct Sir H. Smith-Dorrien paid tribute in his speech to 'he 1st Battalion, are home on sick leave. The Regiment is proud of them and wishes them a speedy recovery.

Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Battalion, who apparently has relinquished his temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, writes—"The presents we have received as a Battalion are most numerous and excellent, and are much appreciated by all ranks; we cannot be too grateful for them."

Our 4th and 5th Battalions landed in Bombay on November 19th, and their Reserve Battalions are stationed near Windsor; the 4th Battalion under the command of Colonel A. T. Simpson, V.D., and the 5th Battalion under the command of Lieut. Col. E. B. Willis. * * *

The name of 2nd Lieut. P. G. Thompson, Royal West Kent Regt., appeared in the casualty list amongst the wounded on November 23rd. This must be an error, as this officer is leaving with the 4th Reserve Battalion. *

In Bromley, Catford, Deptford, Forest Hill, Greenwich and New Cross, the 1st Cadet Battalion, the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, Territorial Force, takes lads of good character from 14 years upwards, minimum height 5ft. They are trained and so prepared for more serious work. The Battalion has already sent over 100 lads to the senior forces.

The following officers have been appointed to command the Service Battalions of the Regiment:—
6th Battalion: Brevet Colonel G. E. Even, C.B., late Indian Army.
7th Battalion: Brevet Colonel A. W. Prior, late North Staffords.
8th Battalion: Brevet Colonel E. Vansittart, late Indian Army.
9th Battalion: Major O. J. Daniell, late of the Regiment, and to be granted the temporary rank of Lieut. Colonel.

The following promotions have taken place in the Service Battalion:—6th Battalion: Captain H. C. W. Beeching to be temporary Major; 2nd Lieut. E. J. Hudson to be temporary Captain; 2nd

I. eut. W. J. Alderman to be temporary Lieutenant. 7th Battalion: Captain G. E. Steyenson to be temporary Major; Lieut. P. F. Anstruther to be temporary Captain. 9th Battalion: Captain A. H. Pullm. to be temporary Major.

* * The following officers have been promoted since the commencement of the war :-

To Major :-

Captain T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O. Captain F. J. Joslin. Captain C. Bonham-Carter.

To Captain :-

Lieutenant F. Fisher, Killed in Action.
Lieutenant A. K. Searight.
Lieutenant G. B. Legard, Adjutant, Killed in Action.
Lieutenant M. W. Graham.
Lieutenant W. G. Yates.
Lieutenant N. I. Whitty.
Lieutenant R. B. L. Bazley-White.
Lieutenant A. E. Hardy, Adjutant.
Lieutenant G. E. Wingfield-Stratford, Adjutant.
Lieutenant D. J. Johnston.
Lieutenant E. F. Moulton-Barrett.

To Lieutenants:-

The following have been appointed to Commissions in the Regular Battalions:— Regular Battalions:—
Gentleman Cadet J. R. Russell, from Royal Military College.
Gentleman Calet S. C. Tinne, from Royal Military College.
Gentleman Cadet A. T. Williams, from Royal Military College.
Second Lieutenant F. B. Le Cocq, from Royal Jersey Militia.
Quartermaster-Sergt. W. J. Alderman, from Depot R.W.K. Regt.
Gentleman Cadet E. S. Kerr, from Royal Military College.
Gentleman Cadet L. H. Y. Pownall, from Royal Military College.
Gentleman Cadet J. M. Harding. Killed in Action, from Royal Military College.

From the London Gazette, December 1st, 1914: The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the approintment of the following officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their services with the Expeditionary Force. 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Lieutenant H. B. H. White Near Neuve Chapelle for bringing his battalion out of action after ten successive days in the trenches, during which time he showed great powers of leadership and determination of a high order.

Second Lieutenant J. R. Russell.

For exceptional gallantry and grit in the firing line in trenches near

Neuve Chapelle between 23rd and 29th of October.

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Definite news has been received of Lieutenant A. A. E. Chitty. He was dangerously wounded near Mons at the end of August, when he was taken to a convent in Belgium. This convent was shelled by the Germans and he was again wounded and made a prisoner. His relatives have heard from him.

* * * * * The 3rd Battalion are sending out a draft of 400 men to the 1st Battalion. * * *

Major C. Bonham Carter has joined the 1st Battalion from the Staff, and Captain Eccles has been posted to the Depot.

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Roll of Honour.

The following are the names of N.C.O'S and Men who have appeared in the Casuality List from Dec. 1st to 31st, 1914—

KILLED IN ACTION.

Bishopp, Pte. J. Booker, Pvt. H. Cooper, Pte. J. Donoghue, Pte. J. Humphrey, Pte. C. Ives, Pte. A. Moore, Pte. J.

O'Shea, Pte. P.
Puttock, Pte. A.
Spurdon, Pte. S.
Scriven, Pte. S.
Sullivan, Pte. J.
Warner, Pte. G.
Williams, Pte. W.

WOUNDED.

Atkins, Pte. L.
Bramble, Pte. J.
Baldock, Pte. F.
Bond. Pte. A.
Butcher, Corpl. J.
Cosby, Pte. J.
Cosby, Pte. J.
Constable, Pte. H.
Cheek, Pte. V.
Dockrell, Pte. J.
Davies, Pte. W.
Edwards, Pte. W.
Edwards, Pte. W.
Fleming, Pte. W.
Fitzgerald, Pte. E.
Foy, Pte. R.
Gonick, Lc.-Corpl. L.
Jones, Pte. C.
Jones, Pte. C.
Jones, Pte. J.
Lyons, Pte. W.
Lemar, Pte. W.

DED.

Leaman, Lc.-Corpl. E.
Mahoney. Pte. P.
Mahoney. Pte. J.
Morris, Pte. J.
Moore, Pte. W.
Mellish, Pte. J. R.
Manning, Pte. H.
Needham, Pte. A.
Ogburn, Pte. A.
Pagen, Pte. T.
Robins, Pte. E.
Sullivan, Pte. T.
Stevenson, Pte. A.
Scott, Corpl. J.
Turnbull, Pte. G.
Taylor, Pte. A.
Torpey, Pte. W.
Urry, Lc.-Corpl. A.
Whitehead, Pte. C.
Webber, Pte. W.

MISSING.

Ambrose, Lc.-Corpl. A. Chapman, Pte. F. Harris, Pte. G. Little, Pte. W.

Mitchell, Pte. H. Thomas, Pte. A. Wright, Pte. P. Ward, Pte. C.

CASUALTIES,

PRESENT LIST. Killed. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. FORMER LISTS. 149 147 157 Grand Total all casualties amongst 27 Officers Non.-con. Officers and Men 905

Total 940

NEW YEAR WISHES.

To those published in our Christmas Number, we have to add Good Wishes for the Regiment from

Lord Harris, Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and His Worship the Mayor of Maidstone.

ERRATA.

In the Roll of Honour on Page 1 of the Christmas Number the total number of officers killed should be 19 instead of 18, as will be seen from the list of names.

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On the last page in the notice of Second Lieutenant P. G. Thompson, the word "serving" should be substituted for "leaving."

The name of Loeutenant G. E. de St. C. Stevenson was accidentally omitted from the Roll of Officers promoted to Captain; and Second Lieutenants E. A. Sharpin and J. F. Burbury should have been described as Gentlemen Cadets and not as Quarter-Master-Sergeants

KITCHENER BATTALION TRAINS. HOW A

AN N.C.O. OF THE SEVENTH. BY

A few remarks concerning the life and daily routine of the soldiers training in the Brigade, of which the above regiment forms a unit, may prove interesting to those who have friends and relatives in "Kitchener's" new army.

It is, of course, obvious that life in the Barrack Room is luxurious as compared with that under canvas; especially in districts which "rejoice" (or otherwise) in such a plentiful supply of mud and water, as is to be found in, and for miles around, Purflect. Purfleet.

The Mess Rooms are large and airy, and seat two companies, and their comfort is greatly appreciated as against sitting on the ground with a plate of food on one's knees which was the

when ground with a plate of food on one's knees which was the procedure under canvas.

We are able now to enjoy plenty of hot tea, with variations of bacon, tinned salmon, kippers, Jam, cheese, and occasionally hot 'frizzled,' meat for breakfast and tea.

Dinner consists of variations of hot roast joints, curries, stews, sea pie, potatoes and "duff."

sea pie, potatoes and "duff."

Dry goods, tea, jam roll, stewed fruit, minerals and beer can be obtained at the Regimental Canteen at reasonable charges.

There are hot and cold spray baths for use of the men, and a drying room for wet clothes, These needless to say, are greatly appreciated, especially when coming off long marches or after a long day at field practice.

The Barrack Rooms are spacious and dry. Length about 60ft. by 20ft. wide, and 7ft. 6in. to the eaves. The men sleep on bed boards supported by trestles about 6in. high, and are further provided with straw palliases and bolsters and three blankets per man. About 30 men per hut is the usual complement. There is man. About 30 men per hut is the usual complement. There is also a large closed in circular stove in each hut, which greatly adds to the warmth and comfort (especially when the flues become choked and the smoke takes the wrong direction).

Reveille sounds at 6.30 a.m., and of course it is then good-bye to sleep, and rouse up for the laggards. The first parade being for breakfast, is promptly responded to, and after this the real work" of the day commences.

This is of a varied character, and now consists chiefly of field practice in all its branches, interspersed with occasional route marches of from 12 to 16 miles.

The work is entered into with a good spirit generally, and the results are on the whole very satisfactory. Lectures by the officers fill in a good many evening hours, and the instructions concerning the work required out at "the front" are most useful and interesting and interesting.

Evening concerts occasionally make a pleasant break in the routine, and the local as well as the imported talent is always well received. "Tommy" knows as many songs as most people and can sing 'em too.

The work on the range is now commencing and the results

at so early a stage cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy, but on the whole it would appear that all the good shots have not yet been sent to the front, and the 7th Royal West Kent Regiment evidently means to add her quota to those which still remain to be sent.

Every man must be in camp to answer Roll Call at 9 p.m., and every light out by 9.45 p.m.

The general health appears to be exceedingly good when taking into consideration the wet and cold weather which has been experienced, and the unseasoned condition of the troops.

Occasionally some excitement is caused by the appearance of doubtful "aircraft." which one is pleased to say, have not up to the present proved a very great menace to our peace and safety.

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One ought not to conclude without remarking that the very important point of "Discipline" is by no means overlooked, and in that direction the Regiment hopes to be second to none when its period of training comes to a close, and the real work commences on "the other side."

Roll of Officers of 1st and 2nd Battalions, showing how they are employed.

	ROII OI	Officers of 1st a	illu Zilu Battailons	si snowing now they are employed.
Bat t	Rank.	Name.	Station.	Remarks
2	LieutCol.	S. H. Pedley 1	Nasirabad British Expeditionary Force	Commanding 2nd Battalion. Brigade Commander with temporary rank of Colonel. Wounded, sick leave,
1 2	Major	R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan 1	Nasirabad	[England,
	,	J. W. O'Dowda I	Rawal Pindi	General Staff Officer, 2nd grade, Kawal Pindi Division. Commanding 1st Battalion.
1	"		ndian Expeditionary Force (A)	D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Meerut Division, Brevet Lieut. Colonel.
2	",	C. E. Kitson	hausi	Brigade Major South Midland Infantry Brigade.
2	",	T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.C C. F. J. Joslin 1	ndian Expeditionary Force (A)	Base Depot, Havre.
(1)	"	C. Bonham-Carter I	British Expeditionary Force	Wounded and Prisoner of Way
1	Captain		British Expeditionary Force British Expeditionary Force	Wounded and Prisoner of War, Brigade Major 7th Brigade.
1	"	R. M. G. Tulloch I	British Expeditionary Force	Sick leave, England
	"	L. H. Hickson H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop	Jganda Sritish Expeditionary Force	With King's African Rifles, temporary LieutColonel Acting Adjutant 1st Battalion.
1	",	C. H. Stigand 1	ado Enclave, Sudan	Bimbashi, Egyptian Army 2nd Inspector Mongalla Province.
- 1 Table 1	,,		Royal Military College, Sandhurst British Expeditionary Force	Officer of Company of Gentlemen Cadets. Wounded, convalescent, with 3rd Batralion.
(1)	",	E H Norman S	St. Alban's	Adjutant 20th County of London Regiment.
2	,,	J. W. Nelson	Hyderabad Sandling Junction, Kent	With 6th Rattalion.
1 2	"	J. C. Parker H. D. Belgrave 1	Delhi	Army Head Quarters.
1	",	R. Lynch-White	British Expeditionary Force	
2	.,,	C. R. Ingram	Karachi	Adjutant Kent Cyclists Battalion.
2	",	M. J. Dinwiddy	Dalhousie	Station Staff Officer.
	,,	B. Johnstone A. S. Hewitt	Coventry British Expeditionary Force	Adjutant 7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Attached Royal West Surrey Regiment.
2	,,	C. W. Case-Morris	Nasirabad	
2	,,		Nasirabad Fort Darland, Chatham	Adjutant 3rd Battalion.
	"	R. G. C. Brock 1	Meridi, Sudan	Bimbashi, Egyptian Army, 2nd Inspector Bahr-el-Ghazal Province.
0	"	C. F. Adams	British Expeditionary Force Karachi	Commanding Cyclist Company, 27th Division.
2	"	G. E. de St. C. Stevenson	Purfleet	With 7th Battalion, temporary Major. Second in Command.
2	.,,	*** ** **	Multan	Attached to 5th Devons. With West African Frontier Force. Wounded, sick leave, England,
2	",	N. I. Whitty	Nasirabad	Sick leave England.
	,,	R. B. L. Bazley-White	Egypt	Bimbashi, Egyptian Army. Adjutunt, 2nd Battalion.
2	,,	G. E. Wingfield Stratford S	Sandling Junction, Kent	Adjutant, 6th Battalion.
1	,,,	D. J. Johnson	British Expeditionary Force British Expeditionary Force	Sick leave, England. With 3rd Battalion. Wounded, convalescent.
$\frac{1}{2}$	Lieutenant			
1	,,	W. V. Palmer	British Expeditionary Force	Temporary Captain. Wounded, Sick leave, England. Attached to 4th Battalion.
2 2	,,	J. B. B. Ford J. K. Kay	Jubbulpore	
1	**	W. F. MacNeece	British Expeditionary Force	Temporary Captain. Sick leave, England. Sick leave, England.
(1)	"		British Expeditionary Force	Wounded, sick leave, England.
2	,,,	P. N. Anstruther	Purfleet	Adjutant, 7th Battalion. Temporary Captain.
(1) 2 2 2	**	C. F. Battye V. S. Clarke	Nasirabad Nasirabad	
2	,,	J. E. G. Brown	British Expeditionary Force	With 1st Battalion.
2 2 1	",	N. B. Howell		
1	11	H. B. Haydon White, D.S.O.	British Expeditionary Force	Sick leave, England,
2	17	A. A. E. Chitty	Nasirabad British Expeditionary Force	Wounded and Prisoner of War.
1	200 11.	W. R. A. Dawson	Sandling Junction, Kent	With 6th Battalion. Temporary Lieutenant. Sick leave, England.
1 1	2nd Lieut.	S. C. Tinne	British Expeditionary Force British Expeditionary Force	Temporary Lieutenant. With 3rd Battalion.
1	,,	A. T. Williams	British Expeditionary Force	Temporary Lieutenant. Wounded, sick leave, England. Temporary Lieutenant. Sick leave, England.
1	frau fe	W. J. Alderman	British Expeditionary Force Sandling Junction, Kent	With 6th Battalion.
1	",	E. S. Kerr	British Expeditionary Force	Wounded. Sick leave, England. Wounded, sick leave, England.
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79.12	",	R. L. Travers	Fort Darland, Chatham	With 3rd Battalion. Wounded, sick leave, France.
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1	0.9,,	J. F. Burbury	British Expeditionary Force	
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	1 1 1	A. Lees	British Expeditionary Force	With Royal Flying Corps.
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2 2 2	",	F. G. Littleboy	British Expeditionary Force	
1	,,	M. N. Thompson	British Expeditionary Force British Expeditionary Force	
1	,,,	E. C. Hilder	Fort Darland, Chatham	With 3rd Battalian
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W.	,,	J. S. Wacher	Fort Darland, Chatham	With 3 d Battalion,
-11 4	,,	O. M. Fry	Fort Darland, Chatham Fort Darland Chatham	With 3rd Battalion. With 3rd Battalion.
1	QrMstr.	H. G. Rogers	British Expeditionary Force	Hon. Lieutenant.
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6	"		Sandling Junction, Kent	Hon, Lieutenant,

The Diary of the late Major P. Flastings

The reader need not be told that Major Hastings is numbered amongst those who fell upon the field of honour. We are very grateful indeed for permission to reproduce this diary of a very gallant gentleman.

THURSDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1914.

Second train load left Richmond Barracks at 9.30 a.m., embarked at the North Wall Docks in the S.S. Gloucestershire, 8,000 tons, Bibby Line. The 2nd K.O.S.B.'s and the 2nd Duke of Wellington's also on board. Over 3,000 on the ship, and a large number of horses. We missed the tide and could not get out. C Company in a hold forward. General Cuthbert on board. Ladies of Dublin gave each man a bun, banan, and a packet of cigarettes.

FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1914.

Sailed at 1.30 a.m. Sea calm. Men very crowded. Officers and senior N.C.O.'s in cabin. Passed close to land in evening (about 6 or 7). Said to be Lands End or the Lizzard. Also passed close to H.M.S. Talbot, a small cruiser. Much cheering. At 9 p.m. all lights put out and ship sailed in darkness.

SATURDAY, 15th AUGUST.

About 4 a.m. stopped by a French gun boat who fired a shot across our bows, and sent off a boat to investigate. Missed this through being asleep. Very calm. Passed the S.S. Lismore at 8.30 a.m. with A.S.C., A.O.D., and R.E. on board. Passed "Spiteful" (destroyer or torpedo boat) at 9.30. Anchored off Havre about 11 a.m. Much shipping, a great deal of rain. Tried to send postcard home, but men on ship not allowed to take letters. Got alongside at Havre about 2.30 p.m., and disembarked Company at 4. Men formed up in enormous sheds on quay. Expected to go to Rest Camp but ordered to stay in sheds, probably owing to rain. Men sang a great deal. Tea made on ship. Landing baggage and waggons going on all night. One accident, a Frenchman. Slept on some barrels of cement. Reported that Sir I. French had gone to Belgium.

SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST.

Early tea and marched off about 6 a.m. in steady rain. Marched 5½ miles to No. 3 Rest Camp. Dukes and K.O.S.B.'s in same camp. Got breakfast at 11.30. Milk and water said to be dangerous, owing to typhoid fever. Flags hanging from nearly every house, French, English, and often Belgian too. Soldiers had white numerals, i.e. were not in Field Army who have black numerals. In afternoon it became fine, and numbers of people came out to see the camp. Very amusing scene. All the people, especially the girls very keen on getting regimental badges and shoulder numerals from the men.

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST (Anniversary of Landakai),

Marched out of camp at 2 a.m. Fine day. Got to Havre railway station and found a train could not start till 9 a.m. After leaving Harve the whole journey was a sort of triumphal progress. At every station there were crowds of people with cigarettes, little flags, sweets, flowers, etc., for the men. Many brought large bunches of flowers for the Officers, and these were tied on outside the carriages. Great cheering, hand shaking, kissing of hands, etc. Many shouted "Guillaume" (meaning the German Emperor), and then pretended to cut their throats. In the towns the windows were full of people for half a mile on each side of the railway waving flags and handkerchiefs and shouting "Hip, Hip, Hurrah, Viva

l'Angletrre, etc." All the people in the fields stopped work and waved to us. Every bridge and culvert was guarded by Territorials (old soldiers). The station at Rouen was taken over by the military, and we stopped for half an hour, and the men were given Coffee with Rum in it. We got to Amiens about 6.30 p.m. and saw Molony (who was doing Censor), and also heard about the death of General Grierson.

We reached Busigny about 11.30 and saw Phillips (who had gone on ahead on a billeting job). We got out of train at Landrecies about 1.30 (18th).

TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST.

About 1.30 a.m. we got out of train at Landrecies, having been travelling for 161 hours. The men were eight in a carriage, or 40 in a truck. We waited while the transport was got out and then marched about four miles to Maroilles (La Basse) which we reached at 4 a.m. We were then given billets. C Company got ten small farms or houses. Here the "Duke of Wellington's" are at Maroilles itself, and the K.O.S.B.'s are going into barracks at Landrecies. Our village is very straggling and has 2,500 inhabitants. My Company is about one mile from Battalion Head Quarters. I have a very nice house and we have formed a Company mess. The people most kind and obliging, and everything very clean. Posted sentries over each house and also picquets on roads. Interior economy work in evening. Men very comfortable in barns, etc. with plenty of straw to lie on, and water for washing. Officers given rooms.

WEDNESDAY, 19th AUGUST.

Route march of about five miles. Very hot weather. Interior economy in afternoon.

THURSDAY, 20th AUGUST (Moroilles).

Company route march of about five miles. Half way did one hour's musketry. Very hot. In afternoon paraded in Maroilles itself for speech by Sir C, Fergusson.

FRIDAY, 21st AUGUST (Maroilles).

Got up at 4.30 and marched off at 6.30 a.m. from Company Post. Marched to Houdain via Berlamont and Bavai. Distance 17 miles. Very hot at times. Whole Company billeted in a farm—(Houdain).

Palmer left Company to superintend disentrainment of some Division.

SATURDAY, 22nd AUGUST (Houdain).

Marched off very early (about 4.30). As advance guard to

Brigade (C Company was part of vanguard).

Crossed into Belgium near Athis. Passed through Dour. Thousands of people lined the road and gave things to the troops, and cheered, and greatly disturbed discipline. On arrival at Bossu instead of going to Hornu as originally ordered we were diverted to St. Ghislain (population 4,000). Here C Company were given main town bridge over Canal to guard, and also next bridge to West and some country on each side. We had D Company on our right and K.O.S.B.'s on our left. We spent the whole afternoon and evening entrenching and barricading. The R.E. made loopholes and cut down trees. Many reports received about Uhlans with a few guns a few miles to North. We had a Platoon of D Company sent to help C Company.

SUNDAY, 23rd AUGUST (St. Ghislain).

Continued entrenching and barricading as soon as light. Divisional Cavalry (19th Hussars, 2 squadrons?) and Division Cyclists went through our barricade. Shortly afterwards Lister's Company followed as a support, and went out towards Tertre. At 11.30 a.m. we heard gun fire and saw smoke in front of us. Shortly afterwards we saw A Company being driven back by guns and machine gun fire, and many men were falling. Eventually the greater part of A Company passed through our post having lost Lister, Anderson, and nearly 100 men. Chitty was carried in wounded. Keenlyside and Gore came in safe. The attack was then turned on to our defences, and we were shelled fairly continuously until it was dark. A few infantry attacks were made on us, but when fired upon they got under cover of a ridge and passed along from East to West towards Pommeroeul. All houses near us were shelled heavily, especially the train depot held by Whitehouse. We were reinforced by Sergeant Fittal with the whole or part of a Platoon of B Company, and he was put into the trench on the east side of road. Whitehouse had originally been intended to hold the bridge itself and had prepared the position. He was then sent up to prepare the Train Depot for defence, and as no one had arrived to hold them he was ordered to stay there (thus losing the whole of his Platoon Packs). We got up some meat during the day, but scarcely any of the men would eat. We also got up some tea in dechies after dark. After dark the German Infantry came in quite close, but did not fire. They varied from 150 yards to 500 yards from us. Fisher was sent with his Platoon to strengthen the left of Ames's position. Part of B Company also helped to man Head Quarters Building, and part were there in reserve. We had eight men wounded in C Company by shells, and a good many others were slightly wounded. During the day many aeroplanes went over, both German and French or English. The Germans fired about 20 rounds at one, but the shells appeared to burst far behind it.

MONDAY, 24th AUGUST (St. Ghislain),

Companies ordered to withdraw across main bridge into St. Ghislain, "C" Company to withdraw last. I sent to warn the four Platoons, keeping Sergeant Gilby's Platoon on the barricade and in the big building to the last. Just before we were going a very heavy fire was opened from Sergeant Fittal's trench, and there appeared to be firing from a small wood just in front of him. I withheld and after about five minutes it stopped. Soon afterwards I heard that Ames Platoon were across the bridge and I then withdrew Sergeant Gilby's Platoon. As soon as we were across the bridge it was blown up. I had received orders to withdraw my own Company, but the post allotted to me was held by parts of several Companies. Hence, Sergt. Fittal's Platoon were left in their trench, as I was under the impression that they had been withdrawn by Beresford. They eventually got away at 4 a.m. and got over the top part of the bridge, which, fortunately, had not been destroyed. They had four men wounded when getting away.

The Column marched away about 2 a.m. to Wasmes, where we halted in the square. We passed through the "Duke's" and other regiments holding a line above Wasmes, and firing started as we were passing them. While in the square the guns began to shell it, but we got under the houses. The regiments above us suffered heavy losses and the "Duke of Wellington's" lost several Officers. Beresford was sent up to support them and was killed, together with Phillips and Broadwood and Sewell was left severely wounded. Several N.C.O's and men were killed and wounded, including Company Sergt.-Major Saunders.

"C" Company was sent by the General to a place close to the road, and on the left of it when facing the enemy. The Railway Station was on the other side of the road. "D" Company was afterwards sent out to our left, and beyond them were the K.O.Y.L.I., etc. On our right, across the road, were some Bedfords, etc. Fisher with "B" Company eventually withdrew to our line, and a lot of the "Dukes" and others passed through our line. The General sent me a verbal message by Sergeant Stroud that I was to form the Rear Guard and cover the retirement of the Brigade. I waited for over an hour and as everyone appeared to have retired and I had received no orders and the Bedfords on our right were being turned, I sent a message to Tulloch to say I was retiring, and we went slowly back. All this time the German guns had been shelling the batteries behind us, and it was very interesting to watch, as the shells were well over us. Very few Infantry bullets came near us. The weather was very hot indeed. All the losses appeared to have taken place north of the big Square. I had heard that our baggage had been sent to Athis and as other troops appeared to be going that way, we retired via Petit Wasmes, Blaugies to Athis. Here there was a great block and I sent forward to find our bivouac and rested the Company, as they had had practically no rest for thirty-six hours and no food for twenty-four. I then heard that Athis was dangerous, and that the whole of the Division was going back to Bavay.

At this moment some German Infantry appeared in a field close at hand and we prepared to attack them. Some Bedfords came up at this moment and frightened the scouts away. "C" Company then formed an ambush to catch any Uhlans who might follow up the retirement. None came, so "C" Company formed part of an improvised Rear Guard of Bedfords and West Kents. Eventually the Divisional Cavalry came out and covered our retirement on Houdain. Here there was a great collection of troops and we were told the 13th Brigade was going to St. Waast des Bavay. We got there just before dark, nearly dead from fatigue and want of food. We found the regiment and bivouacked. We heard the Cavalry Division had been having a very bad time during the afternoon.

TUESDAY, 25th AUGUST (St, Waast les Bavay).

We started about 4 or 5 and marched via the West edge of the Foret de Mormal. We eventually went into bivouac to West of Le Cateau on the Rheumont Maretz Road, and closs to the cross roads, Inchy Bazuel and Montay Rheumont. The day was very hot and everyone was tired. During the march we saw a German aeroplane pursued and fired upon by a French or English one. The German was lower down and got a good many shots into her, and eventually she was said to have come to earth with the aviator dead. During the march the Royal West Kents formed part of the main body, but at one time was sent back to be ready to support the Rear Guard, which was engaged the whole day. The men had no food, and lived principally on food given by the road side.

WEDNESDAY, 26th AUGUST (Le Cateau).

First of all we were told that the retirement was to be continued. "C" and "D" Companies were sent off to dig fire trenches to cover battalions who were forming outposts. After we had started this all the plans were changed and we were told that the big fight was to take place there, and that we were to hold a long line of trenches prepared by civilian labour. In our Brigade the firing line was held by the K.O.Y.L.I. on the right and the K.O.S.B's on the left. In local reserve we were behind the K.O.Y.L.I. and the "Dukes" were on our left and rather behind us. We

started working very hard, making shelter trenches with intrenching tools (all our tools had been lost at St.

The soil, fortunately, was very favourable. We got some big picks, but no shovels. The men use the Implement and mess tins and their hands. We had a very fair lot of trenches before the guns began. "C" Company's were behind a crest. We could see "A" Company's trenches about 50 or 70 yards ahead of us. We had "D" Company on our right. We could see nothing to our left, but had an excellent view to the right and the right front. At first the guns began searching the slopes behind us, and we watched the limbers of the Batteries being moved quietly about to avoid the shells. They suffered a little. Most of our guns appeared to be in front of us, and I could only see one Battery, which was on a spur to our right front. A forty-pound Battery appeared to be in the rear of us, and also I think a Howitzer Battery. The main line of Infantry trenches appeared to have been about 500 yards in front of "A" Company, but I never saw them. I heard they were very badly made by civilian labour, much too wide and shallow. All the guns were firing as hard as they could and the noise was terrific. Sometimes they search the ground we occupied, but they did not hit a man, as we kept down at the bottom of the trenches. Sometimes we got a spell of Machine gun fire, but it was no doubt aimed at something in front. The noise was like a whip being swished backwards and forwards. Fortunately, we appeared to escape most of the Howitzer fire, which burst beyond us, trying to get the 40-pounders. The ordinary shrapnel from guns did not get into our trenches, but splinters and bullets fell all around us. During lulls I was able to observe what was happening on our right. Across the main road I saw a number of wounded men (probably gunners) running or crawling back, and many were wounded again. The gun waggons and limbers were very quiet and frequently changed their position, sometimes coming close behind us. I also saw a party of a Regiment running back. Presently other men of the same Corps (I should think two Companies) were brought forward to take their place, and later some of these were driven back. Sometimes during a lull I walked round our trenches to see the men, and also visited the C.O., who was on our left, and Tulloch, who was on our right. In my part of the line one could stand up and not be seen from the front. Part of the time I read the "Daily Mail" and also went to sleep, being very tired. The Company Sergeant-Major and McIntosh and one man were in a short trench with me. After what seemed hours to me we saw the limbers galloping forward to try to get the guns back. One Battery galloped past our trench within a few yards. The Captain was leading and shouting "Come on, boys" at the top of his voice. Another lot went forward to the Battery to our right and another past the left of our trenches, but I did not see the After a bit they came back, but it was a sad sight and very few returned and they had great difficulty in moving the horses. I saw one gun from our right front coming back at a slow walk, dragged by four horses. The two drivers were flogging for their lives, and the shells were bursting all over them. A few gunners were hanging on, and others were straggling back wounded. that was the only one that came back from that Battery, but there may have been two. Of the lot who passed close to us I think two guns came back, and were going at a good pace. There was a lot of fire, but I could not keep down as it was so exciting. I could not see what happened

to the one who passed our left. To our right front I could see a dismal wreck of guns and limbers where the Battery had been. Several wounded gunners came into "C" Company's trenches, one I saw had three wounds in one leg. We could do very little but give them water, as I could not find our Doctor Crocker, who had been in a trench just behind us. I then saw large bodies of German Infantry appearing on our right front, but they were invisible except with glasses. Many of the Infantry on our right across the road kept retiring and it looked as if the spur would shortly be occupied by the enemy and that we should be outflanked. We then had the K.O.Y.L.I. through our lines. They had suffered terrible losses in their trenches, and lost most of their Officers. Some of the men joined my Company. We then had "A" Company through our lines, and shortly afterwards the C.O. ordered us to retire. We made short retirements and were most fortunate in escaping shells. There were several slight wounds, including Ames and Whitehouse, but I did not hear of anything serious. We had the Colonel and Buckle and Legard with us, and the men went back steadily. We stopped for about half an hour in one position and got a good deal of shell fire, but fortunately we found some small trenches dug there. A few men behind us appeared to be in a position and we thought they were coming forward, but after firing over our heads for a bit, they retired. Buckle went to the left to see the General and eventually we retired right back on the road behind the village of Reumont (?). Again we were fortunate in escaping shell. We had reports all the afternoon of French Armies coming up on our right and left, but they never came. Then followed a long and very tiring march past Maretz, near Premont, to Estrees. There was a hopeless block of transport extending for miles. It rained lightly the whole evening, and everyone was nearly dead with fatigue, want of sleep, and want of food. Tulloch had been hit in the head, but insisted on walking most of the way. Every waggon was full of wounded or men who could not march. We got a bivouac about 10 p.m. and both men and Officers got some tea and bread, and laid down anywhere and slept (mostly in the mud).

THURSDAY, 27th AUGUST (Estrees).

We moved about 1 a.m. (three hours rest) and then had a very long wait before we could start, owing to the mass of transport. We marched through St. Quentin, Ham, and spent the night at a farm somewhere near Ollezy. The men were very tired. I got a bed to lie on and we were four or five in tiny rooms. We had one alarm during the night.

FRIDAY. 28th AUGUST (Ollezy).
We left between 3 and 4 a.m. and marched to the main Paris road near Berlancourt. The whole Div. Ammunition Column was told off to carry "Lame ducks" and also a number of motor lorries. We eventually got to La Pommeraye and bivouacked and got some food.

SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST (La Pommeraye).

Had a much needed rest the whole day in our bivouac. In the evening ordered to march off at 7.40 p.m. to some billets five miles away. Marched a few miles and then got fresh orders to bivouac on the road. We spent several hours marching these few miles and the long halts were very tiring. Heard a good deal of gun firing in earlier part of day.

SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST (The road near Charlemant). Started about 3.30 a.m. after some tea. Heard several distant explosions or guns.

COMFORTS FOR THE FIRST BATTALION.

Since the first week in August, Mrs. Martyn has been collecting and forwarding parcels of comforts to our men at the front, and through her personal efforts, the 1st Battalion have every reason to be deeply grateful to her for the continuous and regular supply of comforts they have received during the earlier part of the war.

Shortly after Colonel Martyn arrived in England, she handed over the work to Colonel Maunsell and a committee

at the Depot, where it has since been carried on.

The many generous friends of the Regiment sent parcels of things; these are all sorted, packed and dispatched by parcel post as quickly as they can be dealt with.

"The list of donors is a very long one," writes Colonel Maunsell, "so I will not trespass on your valuable space by publishing it, particularly as I have personally acknow-

ledged the receipt of each parcel sent to me."

The following list of parcels which we have despatched to the 1st Battalion at the front since December 1st, may interest your readers and serve as a record in after years of the generous way the people of Kent have contributed to the comfort of their county Regiment, who are nobly upholding the honour of Kent on the Battlefields of France.

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Despatched 3rd December.
14 Parcels, containing
                                                         272 Mufflers.
752 Pairs Mitts.
28 Pairs Gloves.
56 Pairs Cuffs.
231 Pairs Socks.
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                                                           45 Knitted Helmets.
63 Shirts.
26 Cardigans.
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                                                           24 Wire Cutters.
Total .... 46
  Despatched 9th December.
                                                         37 Shirts.
44 Pairs Mitts.
54 Towels.
122 Mufflers.
27 Helmets.
128 Pairs Socks.
292 Body Belts.
Vests and Pants.
Various.
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 Total .... 45
  Despatched
                     on 10th December.
                                                               Pipes, Tobacco and Olgano
Chocolate, Peppermint, etc.
Playing Cards.
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                6 Parcels, containing
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Writing Materials.
Safety Matches.
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 Total .... 42
                      on 12th December.
   Despatched
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46 Pairs Socks.
18 Shirts.
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                                                          812 Knitted Helmets.
                23
                                                         186 Handkerchiefs.
186 Handkerchiefs.
186 Body Belts.
184 Pairs Mitts.
Playing Cards & Plum Puddings,
                10
 Total .... 45
                     on 16th December.
Parcels, containing
   Despatched
                                                         205 Pants.
205 Vests.
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                                                           48 Mufflers.
Various.
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 Total .... 54
   Despatched on 18th December.
                13 Parcels, containing
                                                          116 Vests.
116 Pants.
                                                          588 Pairs Socks.
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 Total . . . . 46
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Despatched on 19th December 34 Parcels, containing 20 ,, ,,

Towels, Shirts, Vest, Various.
36 Plum Puddings Footballs, Sweets, etc.

Potal.... 54
Despatched on 23rd December.
1 Parcel, containing

16 Watches for N.C.O.'s (specially asked for).

Of the above items, the following were purchased out of the proceeds of General Sir Edward Leach's Fund:—

600 Pairs of Mittens. 800 Knitted Helmets.

24 Wire Cutters.

16 Watches.

600 Vests.

600 Pants.

600 Pairs of Socks.

I append a letter received by me from O.C., 1st Battalion.

G. W. MAUNSELL, Colonel.

Commanding Depot, Royal West Kent Regt.

Maidstone.

December 31st, 1914.

Dear Colonel,—The 130 parcels mentioned in your letter to me of the 11th have now arrived and been distributed to the men. We came out of trenches last night after nine days of it, in circumstances of extreme discomfort, and in pouring wet. The men are extraordinarily cheerful under the most wretched conditions, but this time they had really had about enough of it, for a time anyhow. We got them bedded down in barns, and this morning the contents of your parcels have been distributed. I tell you this in order that you may realise the very opportune arrival of the woollen clothing sent to them, and I hope you may be able in some way or other to convey the grateful thanks of all ranks to those who have so liberally and so kindly contributed to the fund, which it is not going too far to say actually contributes towards the efficiency of the battation.

Without going into figures (which the censor might object to). I can say that our percentage of sick has been, up to the present time, far lower than that of the other battalions in our Brigade, and we have certainly not had less to endure.

If I can pick out any particular thing from the useful selection of articles you sent us. I should say that the most valuable article of clothing is socks—and we can do with any amount of them—men often cannot take off their boots for many days, and when the opportunity comes, the sock very often has to be thrown away. Until to-day we had not taken our boots off for nine days (and the men have stood in water most of this time) and the new socks issued to-day were invaluable. Pants and vsts are also very acceptable—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) P. M. ROBINSON.

The following is the THIRD LIST of Donations, which have been received by Colonel Maunsell, Commanding Depot, in answer to General Sir Edmund Leach's Appeal to provide comforts, for our Men at the front:—

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Lieut. Colonel Isacke, Royal West Kent Regiment	5	0	0
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The Maids at Astley House The Officers, 3rd Batt. "The Queen's Own"	9	5	0
The Officers, 3rd Batt. The Queen's Own	2 5	2	0
Colonel F. F. MacNeece (Politics N. China)	5	0	0
Sir Robert Bredon, K.C.M.G. (Peking, N. China)			
Proceeds of a Concert at Horton Kirby, through Mr. W.	7	6	0
Brown, late Sergeant-Major, Royal West Kent Regiment		10	0
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Mrs. Newton	2	2	0
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Total to 28th December, 1914	£604	9	2

News from the Battalions.

3RD BATTALION NEWS.

The following officers joined the Battalion during the month of December:—From Expeditionary Force, Captain A. K. Grant and Second Lieut. G. Y. Gross; from Sandhurst, Second Lieutenants O. M. Fry, E. C. Hilder, F. C. Hyde, R. M. Lees, P. J. Long, J. S. Wacher, Regular Officer, Second Lieutenant R. L. Travers; Special Reserve Officers, Second Lieutenants E. J. Fulcher, J. F. Henn,

A. G. Howart, H. Latimer and J. W. F. Rowe.

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R. L. White, Second December: To Expeditionary Force, Captain R. L. White, Second Lieutenants L. H. Cooper, H. A. Poland, H. F. Westmacott, W. L. Wigan; to Divisional Cyclist Corps, Second Lieutenant O. R. Nicholas; to 3rd Battalion East Yorks, Major and Quartermaster T. Fitzpatrick, Lincolnshire Regiment, who had been attached

to the Battalion.

3RD BATTALION COMFORTS.

Major C. F. Hitchins, Commanding Training Detachment, 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment, Lower Barracks, Chatham, wishes to acknowledge with much gratitude on behalf of the men of the detachment, gifts of mits, shirts, socks, mufflers and cardigans,

Lady Fulton, Sloane Court, London, W.
Mrs. E. Wyndham-Bailey, Ightham Court, Ightham.
Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, Gunnersbury Park, Acton, W.

Miss Hitchins, Torquay.

These have all been issued to the men and have been very much appleciated by them.

4TH BATTALION NEWS.

As every one is probably aware, we, in common with the whole of the Territorial Force, were mobilised on August 5th, during the course of our annual training. The Battahon, with all the other units of the Home Counties Division were marching across Hampshire, from Aldershot to Salisbury Plain, when hostilities broke out. We were immediately hurried back to our own headquarters, and the same day sent on to our station at Dover. After a short say there we moved back to Canterbury, and while the work while the work of the control and while there were asked to volunteer for Foreign Service. A considerable stay at Sandwich followed, and after many conflicting considerable stay at Sandwich followed, and after many conflicting rumours as to what was to happen to us we received orders to embark for India on October 29th. It was a great disappointment to many members of the Battalion that the foreign service for which they were asked to volunteer did not prove to be service with the Expeditionary Force, but these have to content themselves with the thought they are rendering good service by relieving more highly trained and efficient troops from our foreign garrisons and enabling them to take their places in the firing line, while there is still a chance that after a reasonable period of training in India their services may yet be required at the front.

Just before the final moorings were cast off from the Somali at Southampton Docks, an urgent message came to hand, ordering the Adjutant, Captain Hewitt, not to proceed with the Battalion. This came as a great surprise to all. His baggage was hastily put on shore and a few minutes before we sailed, he drove off, accompanied by hearty rounds of cheering from all ranks of the Batta-

I shall not attempt to describe the voyage to India, as it is probably too well known to the majority of your readers to need description from me. It's outstanding feature has been the length of time it has occupied. Already we have been on the water nearly five weeks, and while the weather on the whole has been beautiful in the extreme, long waits both at Port Said, Suez and Aden have assisted to make the journey irksome and monotonous.

On the way we have passed many large convoys all carrying troops in the homeward direction. Altogether we must have

Passed at least a hundred large vessels all containing troops—
British, Indian and Australian: The first of these we saw outside
Valetta Harbour at Malta, and it was freely asserted on board the
Somali—with how much truth I cannot say—that we passed the 2nd Battalion there.

One little incident is perhaps worthy of record. At Suez, where we had a trying wait of over a week, half the battalion was

taken ashore and given a route march through the two towns. All went well until we commenced the return journey, when a heavy wind sprang up, and we found it impossible to get on board the transport by means of the lighters in which we had landed. After waiting till evening and making preparations to stay all night, however, we marched round the docks to a T.B. Destroyer (Scourge") and crowded on to her deck. The commander had received instructions to endeavour to put us on board the Somali. He at once cast off and steamed out into the outer harbour and then the fun began! With her decks crowded with men the "Scourge" rolled in an alarming manner, and the heavy seas swept completely over her, drenching all—we had paraded in shirt sleeves—to the skin. After about two hours in the darkness and storm, and having made four unsuccessful attempts to get alongside, the destroyer was at length got against the transport's gangway. The work of transhipment was a tedious and risky operation, particularly after a heavy sea had washed the "Scourge" up against the steamer's gangway, completely smashing it, and damaging some of her own boats hanging from the davits. It was, however, accomplished with only one man going overboard. Fortunately he was a strong swimmer and managed to reach a buoy that was promptly thrown to him. A stoker of the "Scourge" at the eminent risk of being crushed between the two ships, pluckity went over the side by means of a rope ladder, and assisted him to scramble back to a position of safety. All were eventually got safely on board, but few of those who experienced it will readily forget the day they spent in Egypt. As a mark of appreciation, a small testimonial, raised on behalf of the plucky stoker and forget the day they spent in Egypt. As a mark of appreciation, a small testimonial, raised on behalf of the plucky stoker and crew of the "Scourge," realised £26, but with characteristic generosity the "handy men" politely but firmly refused to accept this on their own behalf, but requested that it should be handed to certain naval charities.

Another three days' wait occurred at Aden, and all were greatly relieved when we at last weighed anchor for the last stage

of our journey.

We expect to arrive in Bombay early to-morrow morning. We understand that we are to be stationed at Jubbulpore, and all are eagerly looking forward to our arrival, at what has the reputation of being among the best stations in India.

I have just heard that the post bag closes immediately, and

must therefore bring this to an abrupt conclusion, but shall hope to send you a further instalment when $w_{\mathbf{e}}$ are comfortably settled in Jubbulpore next month.

4TH RESERVE BATTALION.

The 4th Battalion went into camp this year at Longmoor in the Aldershot District on July 26th, remaining until July 30th, when the Home Counties Division commenced a march to Salisbury Plain. Bivouacs were formed on July 30th at Chawton, near Alton, on July 31st, at Avington Park, Alresford, August 1st to August 3rd at Abbots Ann, near Andover, arriving at Crossing C Camp. Salisbury, on the afternoon of August 3rd Orders were then received for the division to return to headquarters with a view to mobilisation which took place on August 5th. All arrangements which had been made during peace training if not working exactly without a hitch, worked exceedingly well, with the working exactly without a nitch, worked exceedingly well, with the result that the Battalion was on its war station at Dover within 24 hours of mobilisation with about 98 per cent. of its strength. If desired about 93 per cent. could have been at Dover within six hours. Billets allotted to the Battalion were in a disused oil mill. of which the less said the better. An outpost position was occupied near St. Radigunds Abbey, companies in turn spending 24 hours have and preserving an entrepended position. Detached posts hours here and preparing an entrenched position. Detached posts were also occupied in other positions. Many apparently peaceful citizens were stopped and questioned; an examining post was formed on the main Dover-Canterbury Road.

On August 9th the Kent Brigade marched to Canterbury with a view to undergoing the six months' training which the Territorial Force was supposed to require before being fit for war. Billets were allotted to the Battalion at the King's School, the Buffs' Drill Hall, and other places. An officers' mess was formed in an empty house and training commenced. This, however, was somewhat interfered with by the very large number of garrison guards (about 15) which had to be furnished once in four days. Brigade Church Parades were held in the nave of the Cathedral, a truly remarkable sight.

The Division was asked to volunteer for foreign service. All the officers and a large proportion of the men of the Battalion volunteered. Some, however, were found medically unfit.

It then became necessary to separate those available for foreign

service from those not available. A similar division took place in the 5th Battalion (and the rest of the division). It was then decided to form a foreign service battalion under Colonel Watney, consisting of portions of the 4th and 5th and a home service battalion consisting of the remainder of the two Battalions under Colonel Frazer.

For some days training proceeded on these lines at Canterbury. On August 28th orders were suddenly received for the Kent Brigade to move to Sandwich, Eastry and Worth. The men at Sandwich were mostly billeted in large houses, the men at Eastry and Worth mostly in farms and cottages. After a time more men volunteered for foreign service, with the result that the authorities decided to form two foreign service battalions and two home service battalions. Recruits coming in soon brought the foreign service battalion under Colonel Watney to full strength.

The home service battalion, subsequently called the Reserve

Battalion, was formed under Colonel Simpson, whom all members

of the Corps were pleased to see again.

The Foreign Service Battalion continued training at Sandwich until Octobr 29th, when it embarked for India. The Home Service Battalion was formed as a separate unit at Sevenoaks on September 18th, with a nucleus of about 200 men. Recruits came in

On October 19th, the Reserve Battalion marched to Maidstone to leave Sevenoaks clear forh the West Lancashire Division. After a month's further training at Maidstone, where the Battalion was brought up to full strength on November 20th, it rejoined the Home Counties Division (Reserve) formed at Ascot, Wingfield, Windsor and Staines.

6TH BATTALION NEWS.

B COMPANY,

At last we have joined the Brigade at Sandling Park. We left Purflect on 3rd December, after a very turbulent good-bye from Dame Nature. Two days before we left, it was found necessary to move camp—and from our new ground the old spot looked desolate and very ghastly. It was a shock to realise that we had slept on the ground the night before. We were almost blown away very early on the morning of the 3rd, and many turned out in parts to hammer down the pegs

in pants to hammer down the pegs.

Now, after being in the huts for a fortnight, we go away to billets in Hythe—till the huts are completed. We are certainly living under service conditions—our habitation of the evening hardly knows us in the morning. Indeed, we sometimes move in the night—to dodge the rain. We play a game of "General Post" almost every evening, to "music" created by the circumstances—eloquent and relieving.

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At Purfleet, we had a splendid training in keeping a balance; here at Sandling we are becoming expert in a sort of tight-rope walking. To surmount the mud, bridges have been laid down—narrow and precarious at night. Deep channels intersect the camp in many directions, and many have found their way into these—horizontally. Our indoor occupations are mainly: finding a dry "kip," scraping mud off boots and clothes, and washing m rotation. But in spite of abnormally bad conditions, we have had very little sickness and men are quite fit and cheery. had very little sickness, and men are quite fit and cheery. * -X--X-*

D COMPANY.

Shortly before leaving Purfleet the sergeants entertained their brother sergeants of the 7th Battalion at a smoking concert given in the Library Tent. Nearly all the officers were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the various songs and recitations being appropriately selected and well rendered. Good fellowship prevailed, and it was quite in keeping that some remarks on the subject of "Love" and advice to lovers should be given to so youthful an assembly.

Entrenching has been carried on lately on the "kopies" in

the neighbourhood, and some experts with pick and shovel have been discovered. The battalion is moving into billets at Hythe, until the huts are completed and made "watertight."

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Just before leaving Belhus Park, the Sergeants of the 6th Battalion entertained our Officers and Sergeants to one of the most enjoyable evenings spent here in Purfleet.

Under the chairmanship of Sergt.-Major Allen, the evening went with a swing from beginning to end, and if it was wet cutside, it certainly was not dry inside.

We regret the loss of our comrades of the 6th Battalion in Camp, but hope to meet them in a few short weeks across the strip

of blue water.

Christmas festivities are over and everyone settling down again to hard work. Sergt. Major Tapp has returned from his Christmas leave and consequently there is a general hustle round on the part of the N.C.O's.

The Sergeants' Mess itself is a cheerful change from Belhus Park (under canvas) and the new curtains give quite a homelike

appearance to the place.

7TH BATTALION NEWS.

On November 28th the Battalion moved from the camp in Belhus Park to the new huts at Purfleet. Although sorry to leave Belhus where we had plenty of room, and where we were conveniently placed as regards the training areas, life under canvas

was getting rather damp and unpleasant.

Christmas Day was a busy and exciting one. About one c'clock a German biplane made its appearance, but although vigorously bombarded by the Purfleet Artillery, managed to make

its escape.

In the afternoon we had a road race over about five miles, which was won by Private H. Wood, of D Company, in the very good time of 32 minutes, thus winning the first prize of £1; Pri-

vate Coates, of A Company, winning the second place; and Private Galley, B Company, the third.

At 4.30 the men sat down to heavily laden tables groaning (I refer to the tables, not the men) under the weight of the usual Christmas cheer. In the absence of the Commanding Officer, Major Stevenson, accompanied by the Battalion staff, visited the dining rooms and wished the Battalion "An early departure, plenty of fighting, and a safe return." In the evening a very good concert was provided for our entertainment, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks.

On January 6th we had the pleasure of listening to another very enjoyable concert organised by Dr Walford Davies and Mr. Louis Godfrey, of the Temple Church. A most excellent programme was rendered, and special mention must be made of the

unaccompanied part singing.

The Battalion has now been provided with warm [leather The Battalion has now been provided with warm leather gloves through the kindness of friends, who generously subscribed the sum of £135 for this purpose. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those to whom we are indebted for these much needed comforts. On January 1st two companies commenced musketry, and, although is everely handicapped by the inclemency of the weather, good progress is being made. All the companies are now back from leave, and all ranks are now hard at work, hoping to reduce our period of probation as much as possible, and to qualify ourselves to take our places in the fighting line.

A COMPANY.

December has been a very eventful month in many ways, including such diverse blessings as innoculation and Christmas leave, though fortunately the two did not clash.

The first part of the month was confined chiefly to company field training, with a plentiful sprinkling of lectures, especially for N.C.O.'s. After one lecture, the Officer Commanding announced that the training would be allowed one work's leave in turn comthat companies would be allowed one week's leave in turn, com-mencing in two days' time with A Company, but it was only after the cheering had died down that we realised that we would be back in barracks a week before Christmas, and envious eyes were cast on lucky C Company.

The week went all too quickly, but to prevent too sudden a return to hard work, the authorities thoughtfully provided an extra two days off—with innoculation.

Before Christmas several field days, 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., were thoroughly enjoyed by the men!! and brought appreciation of the rest and good cheer of Christmas day.

Christmas in barracks proved far from the miserable time

many of the men anticipated, and everything possible was done to bring cheerfulness and gaiety to all.

Many of the huts were really well decorated, and the dining hall was also well adorned and garnished, dinner at four o'clock including turkeys, geese and plum pudding, all in accordance with a Britisher's ideas as to the fitness of things.

The officers turned up trumps in every way and the men appreciated their kindness and generosity; there were socks, tobacco, cigarettes and pipes in abundance, and through the goodness of

the people of the district every man received chocolates, tobacco and matches, given out at dinner by the lady whose efforts were responsible for the distribution.

Tell it not in Gath, but we are gradually getting our khaki—putties one week and service hats (only to be worn for "walking")

out') the next.

If anticipation really is better than realisation, we must have been having a jolly good time since we joined the Army.

We have had a deal of practice at the miniature range, indoor we have had a deal of practice at the company shooting and outdoor, and it was easy to see that the company shooting would be good. The men are keen and have profited by their in-

would be good. The men are keen and have profited by their instruction to a marked degree.

We started instructional practice with the service rifle on the 5th, and at the moment of writing have completed sufficient to show that the shooting is of a high order, considering that practically all the men are new to the rifle, and it is better than was anticipated from the miniature range practice.

The men are in very good spirits and eagerly awaiting the time when they will be moved across the water. Between ourselves I have it on the best authority that we go to France on the blank of blank. (Date Censored by the Editor).

B COMPANY.

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The Christmas holidays—one must call them "Christmas" holidays, though poor old B Company had to have theirs before the festive season—are over, and we have again settled down to serious work. "Dirty No. 2 distinguished themselves by the way they turned up on the day before Christmas Eve. Considering the turned up on the day before Christmas Eve. Considering the great temptation to remain absent for two more days, the number of absentees was surprisingly small. Notwitnstanding the fact that we had not our best girls with us, we managed to enjoy ourselves we had not our best girls with us, we managed to enjoy ourselves on the 25th. The dinner with which we were provided was excellent, and the toast given by the second in command, "A speedy departure, plenty of fighting, and a safe return," was fully in accord with the West Kent spirit. During the day we had a boxing competition and a five miles road race. After the race, a few of the competitors, and especially one hailing from a remote part of the North of England which some of you may have heard of—Lancashire—expressed the opinion that some people's idea of distance was lamentably erroneous. We must congratulate D Co. on providing the winner of the race. In the evening of Christmas Day a London concert party provided an excellent entertainment and terminated a very enjoyable day.

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The chief part of our training has commenced, namely, firing or the Rifle Range, and B Company is determined to prove the best in the Battalion. Judging from the scores already made they look like fulfilling their desires.

The Camp—"Tin Town"—has been greatly improved since we entered into possession. The roads have been gravelled and trenches dug along the sides and round the huts. These measures have greatly decreased the amount of mud. Comfortable as we are, we shall be glad to leave here, for that means only one thing—Belgium. Here's to The Day!

Since last writing we have moved to huts and we find them a great improvement on tents; not only for our living comfort but also for training purposes in wet weather. "In wet weather" in Furfleet means nearly always—so much so that "hutments" and "mudments" have become practically synonymous.

As reported in last month's "Queen Own Gazette," B and C Companies are left to contest the final of the football. However, no date for the struggle has yet been possible owing to Christmas have and to the delicate attentions of the weather. When the

teave and to the delicate attentions of the weather. When the game does come off, well! we, C Company are "never done" as the

game does come off, well! we, C Company are "never done" as the words of our favourite refrain reiterate.

C Company had a concert! Such a concert! It came off on 21st December, and we were due for a week's Christmas leave on 24th, so we had our Christmas feelings ready donned. Don't think that we were rowdy! C Company is never that.

"I am very sorry that I can't remember all the items*. "You see it was some time ago. I know it started with an extraordinary duet by two subalterns wherein tune gave place to—what shall I say?—dramatic effect. Major Stevenson and Captain and Adjutant Anstruther were as usual vigorously encored and so was Sergeant Urquhart, Sergeant Evitt and Sergt. McEnuff materially helped to cheer us, as did many others, to whom I sincerely apologise for my untoward forget/culmess. gise for my untoward forget ulness.

* A paragraph relating to the amount of liquid refreshment taken has been deleted by the Editor.

THE STORY OF THE REGIMENT.

In an article in the "Times" of December 12th, 1914, by the Hon. John Fortescue, the following are named as being "London Regiments":-

The Buffs; the Royal Fusiliers; the Royal West Kent; the

Middlesex.

There may be some reason for placing the Buffs under this heading, (writes a valued contributer) owing to the privilege they enjoy, together with the 3rd Batt. Grenadier Guards, of marching through the City with colours flying, fixed bayonets, drums beating and bands playing, but we fail to see how we can be described as a London Regiment.

The following extracts from the article are, however, of

At the opening of the Seven Years' War in 1756 a very notable addition of ten new battalions was made to the Army, the first of which was numbered eventually the 50th. It found its way, curiously enough, to Maidstone, as early as 1758, and in 1782 was affiliated, as it still is, to West Kent.

The 50th, after fighting in Corsica, drifted about the Mediterranean for some years, and ultimately to Egypt. Unprofitable service followed for all until 1808, when the 50th sailed for service followed for all until 1808, when the 50th sailed for Portugal with Sir Arthur Wellesley, and entered at once upon a career of distinction. At Vineiro it played a leading part in the repulse of the French, and suffered more severely than any other battalion present. Marching then with Sir John Moore to Sahagun and back to Coruna, the 50th, under the command of Charles Napier, opened most brilliantly the counter-attack upon Elvina in the battle which cost Moore his life. Unluckily, through the fault of their brigadier, they were left unsupported and were driven back with the loss of 180 killed and wounded, but none the less covered with honour. They were then sent, together with the 77th, to Walchere.

In 1810 the 50th, 57th and 77th, all found their way to Portugal, and in 1811 came the great year for one and all of the home-county regiments. The 50th was present at Fuentes de Onoro, and gained great honour at Almaraz, and together with the 57th contributed greatly to Hill's victory at the very bloody and desperate combat of St. Pierre. Strangely enough, not one of the home regiments was at Waterlee, and the Buffe and 50th met was perate combat of St. Pierre. Strangely enough, not one of the home regiments was at Waterloo, and the Buffs and 50th met next on the field of Punniar in 1843. But it was reserved for the "Half-hundred" alone to go through every action of the first Sikh war in the division of the indomitable Harry Smith Their casualties show the power of endurance that lies in a good English regiment—Moodkee (December 16, 1845), six omicers, 119 men killed and wounded; Ferozeshuhur (December 21-22, 1845), six officers, 113 men killed and wounded; Aliwal (January 30, 1846', 10 officers, 59 men killed and wounded; Sobraon (February 10th, 1846), 12 officers, 241 men killed and wounded.

The date of the raising of the Regiment is incorrectly stated. It should be 1740, when it was styled the 50th or 7th Marines until 1756. It is owing to this fact that the Royal Marines, when serving with Regiments of the Line, take precedence after the 49th, now Royal Berkshire Regt., and before the 50th, now the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

It is of interest to compare the casualties incurred during the Sutlej campaign, which lasted from Dec. 16th, 1845, to Feb. 10th, 1846 - 57 days - with those suffered during the present war from August 23rd to Dec. 31st, 1914,-131

days.

	Sikh	War.	Prese	nt War.
	Officers.	Men.	Officers.	Men.
Killed	7	102	19	161
Wounded		428	16	587
Missing		0	0	157
	35	530	35	905

The numbers given by Mr. Fortescue show 34 officers and 532 men, but the Regimental Records show the numbers given above.

PERSONAL NOTES.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

A Royal Warrant has been issued under date January 1, instituting a new decoration, entitled "The Military Cross." It is to consist of a cross of silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters G.R.I. No person shall be eligible for this decoration unless he is a captain, a commissioned officer of a lower grade, or warrant officer in the British Army or Indian or Colonial Military Forces, and the Cross shall be awarded only to officers of the above ranks on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for War. Foreign officers of an equivalent rank to those mentioned above, who have been associated in military operations with the Britisn, Indian or Colonial Forces shall be eligible for the honorary award of the Cross. The Military Cross shall not confer any individual precedence and shall not entitle the recipient to any addition after his name as part of his description of title. his description of title.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross upon the undermentioned officer:

SECOND LIEUT. H. S. DOE, ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.

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The medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field has been presented to No. 5259 Company Sergt.-Major F. J. Crossley and No. 7316 Pte. E. E. Allison, Royal West Kent Regiment.

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The undermentioned officers are promoted temporarily and supernumerary to establishment, dated November 15th, 1914:—
Lieutenants to be Captains: W. V. Palmer, W. F. MacNeece; Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants: J. R. Russell, D.S.O., S. C. Tinne, A. T. Williams, F. B. Le Cocq.

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Captain (temporary Major) L. H. Hickson has been granted the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel. *

Quartermaster and Honorary Captain E. D. Brown, late of the Regiment, has been granted the Honorary Rank of Major Major Brown is serving with the Depot of the Border Regiment at Carlisle.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer to be Second Lieutenant for service in the Field: The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment: Sergeant Major H. S. Doe. The whole Regiment will rejoice to see this well deserved promotion. We offer our heartiest congratulations.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s (Motor Cyclists, Royal Engineers) to be temporary Second Lieutenants in the Regiment for service in the field: Corporals F. L. Bassett, F. G. Littleboy, M. N.

The following Gentleman Cadets from the R.M. College are appointed Second Lieutenants: E. C. Hilder, F. C. Hyde, R. M. Lees, P. J. Long, J. S. Wacher, O. M. Fry.

Second Lieutenant E. W. Sheppard from 19th Battalion The London Regiment, to be Second Lieutenant.

Captain H. W. Snow has been appointed General Staff Officer, and Captain W. H. Annesley, D.A.Q.M.G., to the 15th Division at

Major H. S. Bush is Divisional Ordnance Officer to the 3rd Div.

The following officers of the 3rd Battalion are now serving with the 1st Battalion: Captains C. T. Tuff and P. T. Mills; Second Lieutenants H. A. Poland and H. F. Westmacott; Second Lieutenant E. B. Walker, Special Reserve, Dorset Regiment, is also attached to the 1st Battalion.

D. P. Forestier-Walker, late Lieutenant 1st Battalion, is employed in the Remount Department. *

Colour-Sergt. McRedmond, late of the 1st Battalion, and at one time Sergt. Instructor in the 4th Battalion, who has been serving with the 1st Sportsman's Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, has been gazetted Lieutenant and Acting Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion, now being formed. talion now being formed.

Our 4th and 5th Battalions are at Jubbulpore, and their Reserve Battalions at Winkfield, near Windsor.

An issue of a fur jacket has been made to every man in the 1st Battalion.

Colonel F. S. W. Cornwallis, of the West Kent Yeomanry, speaking at a meeting at Cranbrook, said: "The heart of every man belonging to Kent had been stirred by General Sir H. Smith Dorrien's glowing details of the work of the Royal West Kent Regiment" (loud cheers).

We are able to give the addresses of the following officers who are wounded and prisoners of war:—
CAPTAIN G. D. LISTER,
Stadtische Kraukenanstatten, Essen Ruhr,

Germany.

via Copenhagen. LIEUT. A. A. E. CHITTY, Garnison Lazarett, Hofgeismar, near Cassel, Germany.

via Copenhagen. It is advisable to communicate by Post Card.

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Sergt.-Major J. Jackson, Mr. W. Fowler, Mr. G. Routledge, Major W. E. Rowe, Brigadier-General H. G. Fitton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Mrs. A. Argent, Mrs. P. Hastings, Mrs. K. Jameson, Mrs. M. P. Buckle, Mrs. A. Waring, Mrs. A. Tapswell, Miss A. L. Pack-Beresford, Miss Clark, Major A. T. Morse, Colonel N. H. Lowe, Colonel T. H. Brock, Colonel F. W. F. Johnson, C.B., Lieut-Colonel B. H. Latter, Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., Captain T. Sumner, Captain E. Heygate, Mr. F. C. Adams, Mr. J. Blount, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. C. Collins, Mr. F. C. Edmunds, Mr. W. Button, Mr. F. Fisher, Mr. T. Hensley, Mr. J. Judge, Mr. Maurice Lees, Mr. J. Malone, Mr. R. Page, Q.M.S. A. Pye, Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. H. Wain, Mr. A. G. Wood, Col.-Sergt-Instructor W. S. Skeer, Mr. F. W. Grey, Colonel W. H. Bayly, Colonel R. H. P. Doran, Admiral Buckle, Mr. J. Muddle.

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The following are names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the Casualty List from January 1st to 31st, 1915.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Argent, Pte. J.
Blackie, Pte. J.
Bristow, Pte. J.
Bristow, Pte. G.
Copeland, Sergt. W.
Cassidy, Pte. J.
Denton, Pte. J.
Goodrich, Sergt. J.
Holding, Le. Corpl. W.
*Hall, Sergt. W.
Jones, Pte. J.
Lamb, Pte. J.

Lee, Pte. J.
Morgan, Pte. C.
Matthews, Lc.-Corpl. F.
Newell, Pte. H.
Raven, Lc.-Corpl. H.
"Stiles, Pte. H.
Shaw, Pte. W.
Sharp, Lc-Corpl. A.
Sullivan, Pte. M.
Staples, Lc.-Corpl. J.
Turk, Pte. W.

Twenty-one killed. *Two died of disease.

WOUNDED.

Ackland, Sergt. G.
Bishop, Pte. K.
Brown, Pte. A.
Bain, Pte. A.
Corkran, Pte. W.
Clark, Pte. T.
Cleaver, Pte. H.
Carpenter, Pte. G.
Danzey, Pte. H.
Edwards, Pte. J.
Elliott, Pte. V. K.
Francis, Lc.-Corpl. G.
Golding, Corpl. J.

Honey, Corpl. G.
Hamlyn, Lc.-Corpl. T.
Holland, Pte. F.
Halle, Sergt. A.
Judge, Sergt. C.
Miles, Corpl. J.
Morley, Corpl. D.
Medley, Pte. C.
Sewell, Pte. F.
Silvester, Pte. J.
Street, Pte. W.
Stevens, Pte. G.
Trueman, Pte. G.

MISSING.

Baldwin, Pte. C. Bennett, Pte. A.

Pike, Pte. G.

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Died.	Killed. 21	Wounded. 26	Wounded and Missing.	Missing 3
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PRISONERS OF WAR,

Of those missing or wounded and missing the following are known to be prisoners of war:-

prisoners of war:—
Lister, Captain G. D.
Chitty, Lieut. A. A. E.
Ashton, Pte. J.
Allen, Pte. J.
Bristowe, Pte. G.
Blackeby, Pte. F.
Bashford, Pte. A.
Bullard, Pte. H.
Cook, Pte. B.
Cox, Pte. W.
Carden, Pte. W.
Collins, Pte. J.
Curtis, Pte. J.
Collins, Pte. J.

Dow, Pie. T.
Dodd, Pte. J.
Ely, Pte. G.
Foster, Pte. J.
Fife. Pte. H.
Goldsmith, Pte. J.
Grady, Pte. J.
Graham, Pte. A.
Harden, Lc.-Corpl. C.
Homewood, Pte. G.
Hilton, Pte. H.
Hunt, Pte. T.
Hayward, Pte. F.
Harris, Pte. W.

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PRISONERS OF WAR-Continued,

Higgins, Pte. A.
Hart, Pte. J.
Jobson, Lc.-Corpl. J.
Johnson, Pte. G.
Kitchen, Pte. W.
King, Pte. T.
Keep, Pte. W.
Marsh, Pte. F.
Miles, Pte. W.
Newland, Pte. J.
Newman, Pte. P.
North, Pte. G.
Pryer, Pte. T.
Packham, Pte. J.
Peill, Corpl. E.
Pay, Pte. P.
Pearson, Pte. J.
Perkins, Pte. A.
Parr, Pte. H.
Plke, Pte. F.
Reeves, Sergt. G.

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Russell, Pte. E.
Rowe, Pte. J.
Stribling, Pte. B.
Stanton, Lc.-Corpl. T.
Seager, Pte. R.
Spicer, Pte. J.
Sewell, Sergt. H.
Strong, Corpl. F.
Sheppard, Lc.-Corpl. A.
Smith, Pte. A.
Savage, Pte. A.
Thomas, Pte. G.
Townes, Pte. J.
Weils, Pte. J.
West, Pte. J.
Worsell, Pte. J.
Worsell, Pte. J.
Waghorn, Pte. A.
Woolhead, Lc.-Corpl. J.
Williams, Pte. H.
Wallace, Pte. H.

It is with regret we have to announce that Captain Percy Trevener Mills, 3rd Battalion, has been killed in action while attached to the 1st Battalion.

He was originally gazetted to the 3rd Battalion on 3rd May, 1905, was promoted Lieutenant in April 1907, and resigned in August, 1912.

As soon as the war broke out he telegraphed to say that he wished to rejoin, and was the first of the ex-officers of the 3rd Battalion to offer his services. He was promoted Captain on September 26th, and left the 3rd Battalion for the 1st on November 25th.

Those who served with him at the front speak of him in the highest terms, and his lost to both the 1st and 3rd Battalions is a great one.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned awards for services rendered in connection with operations in the field :-

To be Brevet Colonel--Lieutenant-Colonel A. Martyn.

C.M.G.-Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. Isacke.

D.S.O.—Captain R. M. G. Tulloch. Captain H. D. Buchanan Dunlop.

Military Cross—Lieutenant P. F. Wilberforce Bell.
2nd Lieutenant J. H. Stokes
No. 5345 Co-Sergeant-Major A. Reynolds.

Distinguished Conduct Medal-

No. 4558 Co.-Sergeant-Major W. H. Penny.

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No. 6694 Sergeant M. P. Stroud. No. 9831 Private P. Donovan. No. 8192 Private J. T. Turnbull.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The following subscriptions to the "Queen's Own Gazette" have been received since January's issue: Brigade Surgeon Owen-Owen, Mr. H. Spencer, Mr. W. Webb, Mr. A. E. Ingham, Captain Moody, Sergt.-Major J. Smith, Captain Yates, Sergt.-Major W. J. Osborne, Mr. H. Dickens, Mr. J. Lewis, Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Hannan, Mr. W. Harris, Mr. J. T. Hunt, Mr. G. A. Barnes, Mr. J. Hopper, Mr. J. Bowman, Mr. G. F. Frankling, ex-Sergt.-Major Noller (per Colonel Crock), Mr. T. Hoare, Mr. P. M. Holloway, Col.-Sergeant H. Gurr, Major Sir H. B. Cohen, Captain F. W. Burbury, Mr. F. Spencer, Mr. W. Snell, Mrs. Churchili, Mr. Bow, Mr. F. Sullivan, Capt. W. H. Annesley, Mr. T. Cassidy, Hon, and Rev. W. T. Fiennes, Mr. M. Donnelly.

The Diary of Captain W. V. Palmer.

AUGUST 13th, 1914.

Left Richmond Barracks, Dublin, at 9 a.m., and marched to the Alexandra Basin, N. Wall, Dublin. Spent day in field close to quay, while ship was being loaded. Embarked about 5 p.m., on S.S. Gloucestershire, Bibby Line, but missed afternoon tide, so did not sail to midnight. Other troops on board were King's Own Scottish Borderers, Duke of Wellington's Regiment and Brigade Headquarters.

AUGUST 14th.

Uneventful day at sea. During the night we were stopped by a French destroyer. We had all lights out.

AUGUST 15th.

Arrived at Havre docks at 2 p.m. Unloading took so long that we had to spend the night in a big shed, and slept on barrels cement.

AUGUST 16th.

Pouring with rain. Marched to rest camp on hills behind town, and found camp blown down. Fine afternoon, and camp was soon swarming with French people from Havre.

AUGUST 17th.

At 4 a.m. I went to Havre Station to mark off the train for the Battalion. Train due to leave about 5 a.m., left at 8.45 a.m., destination unknown. Journey became a triumphal procession, for at every station the inhabitants turned out to cheer, and throw flowers, cigarettes, etc., at us. First halting place was Rouen, and then on to Amiens, place of detrainment being Landrecies, where we arrived about 10.30 p.m.

AUGUST 18th.

At 2.30 a.m. we marched to our billeting area at Maroilles, and about 5.30 a.m. we were settled to our Company billets. The officers of C Company were lucky in being billeted on a charming old country couple, and we were made very comfortable.

AUGUST 19th.

Remained in billets and route marched. Very hot day.

AUGUST 20th

Still in billets, and did Company route march. Sir Charles Fergusson addressed the Brigade.

AUGUST 21st.

4.0 a.m left billets, and marched 16 miles to billets at Houdain, a village close to Bavay. Very hot and tiring march. At 6 p.m. I was warned to go to Valenciennes with an officer of the K.O.S.B, to do some railway transport work. Left at 8 p.m. in motor car, being stopped every few miles by great road barriers and sentries who waved their rifles and bayonets in a dangerous way. Slept in station waiting room.

AUGUST 22nd.

Detrained ammunition columns and field ambulances at Marlay, near Valenciennes. Strained left ankle badly, could hardly walk. Slept on floor of ticket office.

AUGUST 23rd.

Had first bath for eight days. Nothing else of interest to-day, except first batch of German prisoners arrived at Valenciennes. French people very angry.

AUGUST 24th.

German aeroplane flew over station several times, and every French soldier in the town fired at it from the platforms and streets, but did no damage. We were in a most dangerous place, and I took refuge in the bar, when one man knelt down and fired in the air just behind me. About mid-day we all had to leave Valenciennes in a hurry, owing to German advance, and we left in last train, full of refugees. Got off train at the Cateau, and there tried to get a ride on a motor supply column back to the Battalion, but none available. Slept in yard of General Headquarters, trying to get motor; I could not walk without great pain in my ankle.

AUGUST 25th

Woke at daybreak after miserable night, and found I could not lace my boot up. The K.O.S.B. officer with me got a staff officer to take him back to his Battalion, but he would not take me, as I could not walk, and recommended me to join a hospital. Reported to a Field Ambulance, and went by train back to St. Quentin. On arriving there I was sent by the M.O. at the station to the Caserne de St. Hilaire, a French Barracks, and told there was a British

Hospital there.

I drove off in a cab and on reaching the barracks, I found no hospital but hundreds of French soldiers, who stood in a circle and stared at me. Then a sous-officer (N.C.O.) offered me some beer, which I took with him in their mess. I was then taken into a room occupied by a French subaltern and about a dozen Sergeants and Corporals, who all asked me questions about the war. Shortly afterwards I was made to lie down on a Corporal's bed to rest, and given more beer. A French doctor came in and tried to talk English, but made a poor show of it, but went out to try and find an English M.O. Then a sergeant took me off to lie on his bed, and gave me a meal and more beer.

About 6 p.m. an officer of the R.A.M.C. came and took me away in a cab, and sent me to another hospital, where I spent the night on a heap of straw.

AUGUST 26th.

Had a meal about 11.30 a.m. and at 12.30 was sent off to the station, but did not get into a train until 5.30 p.m. I sat on the platform all the time, and was fed by various people. Here I met Private Gower, who had been wounded, and he told me what a fearful time the Battalion was having.

The hospital train left at 6.15 p.m., and we travelled all

AUGUST 27th.

Arrived at Rouen at 10.30 a.m., and I was sent to an Officers' hospital, where I remained in bed until the 29th.

AUGUST 29th

At 11.30 p.m. we were all roused from sleep and told we were to go on a boat for home. I objected as I should be able to get about in a day or two, and was allowed to stay.

AUGUST 30th.

At 10 a.m. I was turned out of the hospital, as it was being evacuated, and sent to report to the Base Commandant, who sent me to join the first reinforcements of the Battalion under Lieutenant Vicat, waiting in the town for orders to join the Battalion.

At 8 p.m. all details of 5th Division (first reinforcements) entrained and set off for an unknown destination.

AUGUST 31st.

At 10.30 a.m. we detrained at La Mans, and were sent to a French barracks.

SEPTEMBER 1st.

Route march; very hot.

SEPTEMBER 2nd.

Route march; no news of what we are going to do. Entrained at 11 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3rd.

6 a.m. reached St. Cyr near Paris, waited outside station for three hours, and then on to Noisy le Sec, where we arrived at 10 p.m. Inhabitants of all stations near Paris mobbed train, which they had been waiting to greet for three days. Still in train all night.

SEPTEMBER 4th.

4 a.m reached Coulommiers and detrained. Marched nine miles to Crecy, very hot. Reached Crecy about 1 p.m., and bivouacked, but at 6 p.m., told to march back to Villeneuve, six miles.

Bivouaked there at 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5th.

At 2 a.m. roused up and told to march to Tournan, eight miles away. At about 5 a.m. the whole 5th Division marched through us, and we saw the Battalion again, but it was a very different Battalion from the one I had left. Later in the day we joined up with the Battalion, and I took over D Company.

SEPTEMBER 6th.

The first day of our advance against the Germans.

4 a.m. left Tournan for Villeneuve, and took up out-post position, D Company in support in a thick wood.

Left hurriedly at 2 p.m. to start pursuit of Germans. Marched to bivouac at Dammartin without incident,

SEPTEMBER 7th.

5 a.m. marched to Boissy le Chatel, through Coulommiers; every village had been turned inside out by the Germans, and bottles were as thick as peas. Bivouacked for night.

SEPTEMBER 8th.

Marched at 4 a.m. for Saacy, but just north of Doue a German rearguard was reported at St. Cyr. The Brigade was ordered to attack. D Company was in support, and in a very short time we were close to a battery which was being heavily shelled. However, we escaped damage. Enemy soon retired, and we advanced through St. Cyr, no enemy against us, but every village pillaged. Bivouacked near Noisement.

SEPTEMBER 9th

Stood to arms at 4 a.m., and marched at about 7 a.m. to Saacy, and from there the Battalion and the K.O.Y.L.I. were sent round left flank to try and find a German battery, which could not be located by Flying Corps Near Montebard, D Company was sent to hold wood on our right against Germans reported there, but found nothing; Germans abandoned their guns. Bivouacked, but moved at 2 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 10th.

A 2 a.m. we started a night advance against Montrueil; march unopposed, but very wet. Had a meal in village, and continued march through Gandelu to Chezy and bivouacked.

SEPTEMBER 11th.

Marched about 7 a.m., the Brigade being the advanced guard to the 5th Division. Marched through Dammard and St. Remy to Hartennes, about 15 miles, and as it had been raining in torrents, we billeted there; and I got fairly dry sleeping in front of a fire. On arriving at our billets we were told the Brigade had marched five miles more than was intended, but we were allowed to remain there.

SEPTEMBER 12th.

Marched at 5 a.m., again as advanced guard, through Charcrise, Serches to Ciry. Drenching rain all day. In Ciry we met a Cavalry Brigade, who had been doing great work. After waiting in Ciry about an hour, we were told that there was no room to billet there, so marched back to Serches, about five miles away. Dog tired and wet through. Again managed to get fairly dry sleeping in front of a fire. D Company was billeted in one large farm yard, the owner of which was very worried about his pet rabbits, which he seemed to value very highly.

SEPTEMBER 13th.

A bad day for us.

Marched at 4 a.m. to attack and cross bridge at Missy sur Aisne. On reaching Sermoise, B and C Companies were sent forward to occupy woods on either side of the road leading to the bridge. B Company at once came under fire from infantry and machine guns, and Captain Fisher and Lieutenant Vicat were both killed within a very short time. There were also a good many other casualties in B Company. The bridge was found to be destroyed and so we remained in Sermoise all day. Late in the afternoon D Company relieved B in the wood, but without coming under fire. At 12 midnight D Company were withdrawn, given tea on the river bank, and then sent across the river on small rafts and a boat, only four men being able to go on each at a time.

A and C Companies had previously crossed the river and were holding positions to cover the bridge.

SEPTEMBER 14th.

Raining.

A and C Companies still holding same positions, with K.O.S.B.'s on their right. B and D Companies being in support, the latter being in a small wood where ricochets were unpleasantly thick. Lieutenant Wilberforce Bell was dangerously wounded, but his life was saved by the K.O.S.B.'s doctor, who was close at hand. After dark Battalion moved forward toward the village of Missy and entrenched along the side of the road, A, B, and D Companies being in the firing line and C Company in support. It was raining most of the night, and after digging down about two feet, we came to water, so the trenches were not comfortable ones.

SEPTEMBER 15th

About 10 a.m. while Lieutenant White and I were having some bully beef, the German guns started shelling the village of Missey just on our left, and after they had fired about six shells, they put four all round us, one landing plumb in the middle of our trenches. The concussion was terrific and mud and bits of trees fell on us in showers. Several men were partially buried, but only three were slightly wounded, one man being blown up an apple tree, 30 yards behind the trench, where he hung head downwards, grunting, until helped out of his precarious position, only suffering from slight concussion. We were soon at work digging a new trench, the old one being badly wrecked. The hole made by the explosion

was enormous, and it is probable that the shell was an 11 inch one. Peace for the rest of the day, except for the snipers.

SEPTEMBER 16th.

Improving trenches, eating and sleeping. No shells to-day; but snipers keep busy, and are nearly always successful in bagging one or two. But we defeat them by putting up screens of branches, so that they cannot see us. Rain nearly all day.

SEPTEMBER 17th.

Still working on trenches, and getting more comfortable. At 2.30 pm. the shells started again, but did little damage. Captain Bonsor (3rd Battalion) arrived and took command of D Company. Still raining.

SEPTEMBER 18th.

Shells started about 10.30 a.m., but very few came near D Company. One landed on the road near the Headquarters' trenches, and blew the back part of the machine guns limbered-wagon to bits, killing three horses and putting Lieutenant Johnson out of action with concussion. Captain Tulloch returned from home, and took over his old Company D.

SEPTEMBER 19th.

No shells till late in the afternoon. Just as I was going down to headquarters, the shells began flying over, and one which landed on the road killed Sergeants Fitzgerald, Barden, and Warnett, all of D Company. They were valuable N.C.O.'s and are a great loss. Raining nearly all day.

SEPTEMBER 20th.

Started more trenches to strengthen our position, also some wire entanglements. We could hear heavy firing all day on our right and left. In the evening the Germans bembarded the village of Missy, about 200 yards on our left, and wrecked many houses, and the small railway station. The East Surrey Regiment held the village, but did not suffer much. Borrowed a razor and had first shave since the 5th; rather a painful operation. Still raining.

SEPTEMBER 21st.

Fairly fine day, but some showers. I managed to get a change of boots, mine being worn through, and full of mud and water. Village shelled again and houses set on fire, but we were untouched. Snipers busy all day. Stood to arms after dark expecting to move, but nothing done.

SEPTEMBER 27nd.

Fine. Shells started about 8 a.m. and village was heavily bombarded for about an hour. Every day we do a bit more to strengthen our position, as we can only work during darkness, and so from 4 a.m. to 5 a m. everybody is hard at it, and directly it gets dark, we start again.

SEPTEMBER 23rd.

Fine, but very foggy. At about 9 a.m. I was sent with Sergeant Smith and six men to reconnoitre the village of Condé, about three miles to the east of our position. I was particularly to find out if the village was held by Germans. I got to within a mile of the village through thick woods, but then had to crawl about 500 yards along a small ditch through very thick grass. We then reached the bank of the River Aisne, which was very open, so had to move along a watery ditch, with thick rushes over our heads. A German patrol of three men came close to us, and when we fired at them, they fled, shouting aloud. The river bank seemed deserted and also the first houses of the village, and when we came to a place about 100 yards from

the bridge, I went into a farm to talk to the inhabitants, and was promptly fired on from a big house just across the river. One of my men ran in to tell me that the Germans were firing from the windows, and I told him to bolt back. This he did, and had a very close escape, as bullets struck the ground between his feet. I left the farm through a side window, and was fired at, so got down behind a small bank, and crawled as hard as I could for about 200 yards and then ran. I found my patrol waiting for me, and we all got back safely to the Battalion at 5 p.m., and were able to make a useful report. We found that our trenches had been shelled hard all the afternoon, and a few men were killed.

Very tired and hungry; had good sleep till 2 a. .

SEPTEMBER 24th.

Lieutenant Harding arrived to join Battalion and was posted to D Company, with 47 men.

Very intermittent shelling commenced in the morning and went on with interruptions till about 4 p.m.

Captain Bonsor and Lieutenant White suffering from cold and wet, the former was sent home.

SEPTEMBER 25th.

Still adding to Company's defence work.

No shelling all day.

We heard that a big German gun in Coudé Fort had been knocked out by our heavy guns.

SEPTEMBER 26th.

No shelling all day. Rumours of enemy having crossed river at Coudé in large numbers, proved to be false.

Only small parties crossed in rowing boats.

Battalion stood to arms at dusk expecting attack and extra patrols were sent out.

SEPTEMBER 27th.

Shelling started about 10 a.m. while Lance-Corporal Eldridge was cutting my hair, and a heavy bombardment took place. At 2 p.m. shelling decreased, but at 3 p.m. it again increased and shrapnel was poured on the village. The day finished with terrific salvos at 5.30 p.m. Quiet night.

SEPTEMBER 28th.

Shelling commenced at 8.30 a.m., but was not violent; the guns seemed a long way off. Intermittent shelling all day; no damage done. Added one more small piece of trench and completed a very formidable obstacle.

SEPTEMBER 29th.

Shelling started at 5,30 a.m. at C Company, who seemed to be very accurately ranged on as they got all the shells The Officers "dug out" was twice demolished.

Fairly heavy bombardment all day, and had to keep to trenches all day.

SEPTEMBER 30th.

Shelling started about 8.30 a.m., again at C Company. Heavy bombardment later in the day.

OCTOBER 1st.

Very peaceful day, no shells.

At 7 p.m. we were told Lancashire Fusiliers were going to relieve us to-night, and we were going to rest and re-fit for a week. At 8 p.m. I was sent to reconnoitre track to pontoon bridge; had a beastly walk of five miles.

(To be continued).

MONS TO MISSY.

The following short precis of the doings of the 1st Battalion from August 22nd to September 14th, 1914, is furnished by Colonel A. MARTYN.

MONS.

AUGUST 22nd.

Battalion ordered to take up position to cover a railway bridge, a road bridge and a foot bridge on the canal due East of St. Ghislan. Two Companies were detailed for this duty, the remainder of the Battalion going into billets at St. Ghislan. All that was seen of the enemy on this day were one or two cavalry patrols. A Battery of our Artillery took up a position on the West bank of the canal midway between the railway and road bridges; entrenching and placing buildings in a state of defence during the day and following night.

AUGUST 23rd.

5 a.m. One Company of the reserve was sent forward to take up a position three-quarters of a mile East of the canal to support a squadron of cavalry which was sent out to gain touch with the enemy, the remaining Company of the reserve was moved down to the road bridge over the canal in close support of the remainder of the Battalion.

11 a.m. Heavy firing was heard to the front, the advance Company being heavily engaged, but no information had been received from the advance cavalry, who had evidently been driven North by the Germans moving in that direction. A Company was sent forward to cover the retirement of the advance Company, which was slowly falling back, having been severely pressed by about three Battalions of the enemy and many machine guns. This Company had many casualties, including three officers and over 100 men, but the retirement was very steadily carried out. By this time the enemy had brought several Battalions, and at least thirty guns, which came into action at about 1,100 yards range, against the section held by my Battalion. Our Battery was soon placed out of action and the guns were turned on the Infantry position with great vigour. Our position covering the road and foot bridges consisted of trenches and defended walls, there being many store houses and cottages on the East bank of the canal screening the bridges from view. On the enemy's side of the buildings there was fortunately a grove of trees, giving a good view beneath their branches from our trenches and defended walls, at the same time shading them from view of the attacking enemy; consequently the enemy's guns never actually found our trenches and wall defences. Under cover of their artillery fire the enemy fought their way forward and by dark had reached within 300 yards of our position. Considerable loss was inflicted on them during their advance.

About 7 p.m. I received orders to withdraw my Battalion at midnight across the canal to Wasmes, destroying the bridges after crossing them. As we were in such close touch with the enemy (they had entrenched within 300 yards of us), and as many buildings, ruined and otherwise, had to be passed to get to the bridge, a withdrawal was a difficult operation. I issued orders to the Company commanders to draw off their Companies by successive retirements of alternate sections, leaving the

trenches nearest the enemy till the last and then drawing off man by man those in the advanced trenches. This was successfully carried out, and the bridges were blown up simultaneously. Two half-hearted attacks by the Germans took place during these operations, but were driven off. All ranks worked with the greatest courage and intelligence throughout the day's fighting, and as it was the opening fight of the war, and they were attacked by five times their number and many guns, I consider their behaviour was beyond all praise.

• LE CATEAU.

AUGUST 26th.

At daylight the 13th Brigade was ordered to take up a position to delay the Germans above Le Cateau. The K.O.Y.L.I. and K.O.S.B. formed the first line and the Royal West Kent Regiment the local reserve. They entrenched themselves in two lines in the hollows of the ground, about 600 yards in the rear of the first line. The first line suffered very heavy casualties from shell and rifle fire. The Germans gained some trenches on the right of the K.O.Y.L.I., and brought machine guns up and enfiladed the K.O.Y.L.I.'s line. As the enemy were seen to have worked round on our right flank about 3 p.m. a retirement was ordered. The Royal West Kent Regt. retiring itself in half Battalion extended lines, took up a succession of "fire positions," and held the Germans in check until the remainder of the 18th Brigade had passed through, and by them got out of reach of the enemy's fire. The last two Companies of the Royal West. Kent Regiment did not leave the Le Cateau plateau until as far as could be ascertained the whole of the Brigade had successfully withdrawn; these two Companies then formed a rear party to the troops moving on St. Quentin. During the retirement from the trenches the Battalion was under a heavy shell and rifle fire, but shewed the greatest coolness in drawing off and delaying the advancing German infantry.

THE CROSSING OF THE AISNE AT MISSY.

On the evening of September 12th, about midnight, I received orders that on the following day or night I was to force the passage of the Aisne with my Battalion by the Missy bridge. I was informed that information had been received that the bridge was intact. As from local information I was informed that the northern half of the bridge had been blown up, I sent an officer's patrol at once from the village Serche to endeavour to clear up the situation. The patrol worked down to within 150 yards of the bridge during the night, where they were heavily fired on by the Germans from both sides of the river, and one sergeant was killed, but the patrol was unable to see the condition of the bridge. On the following morning I moved the Battalion, supported by the K.O.S.B., to Sermoise, which lies about three-quarters of a mile to the south of Missy bridge. I ordered two Companies of the R.W.K.R. to move forward and occupy two fire positions about 200 yards from the bridge on

either side of it, and commanding both banks. operation was successfully carried out, the Germans retiring from the south bank of the river. The right Company came under a heavy fire and two officers were killed, and several casualties among the men. A reconnaissance was then made of the bridge and it was found that the northern half had been blown up. After dusk I determined to cross the river by improvised methods. A small boat without oars was found on our bank. There was no rope obtainable, consequently barbed wire was used for towing the boat forward and backward. At the same time some sleepers were obtained from the railway which ran a quarter of a mile away, and a small raft was made with the aid of them and some barbed wire. The crossing was then commenced. A little later some Engineers arrived with some rope and materials from Sermoise and commenced to make a large raft. The Battalion, except the working parties, was kept under cover close by, the K.O.S.B.'s remaining in reserve near Sermoise. During these preliminaries there were no signs of the Germans. After about forty men had crossed, a German patrol of five men came down to within 200 yards of the bridge, three were killed, two were very severely wounded. The crossing continued throughout the night and both Battalions had crossed and had entrenched themselves shortly after daybreak. During the crossong, two half-hearted attacks were made by the Germans on the covering party, but were easily driven off. The river at the point of crossing was very deep, slow running, and about forty yards wide. Valuable assistance was given me throughout the night by a section of Engineers, who came under my orders.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

Martyn, Lieut-Colonel A.*

Buckle, Major P. M., D.S.O. (killed in action).*

Robinson, Major P. M., C.M.G.

Buchanan Dunlop, Captain H. D.

Legard, Captain G. B. (killed in action).*

Tulloch, Captain R. M. G.*

Falmer, Lieut. (temporary Captain) W. V.

White, Lieut. H. B. H., D.S.O.

Wilberforce-Bell, Lieut. P. F.

Russell, Sec. Lieut. (temporary Lieut.) J.R., D.S.O.

Rogers, Quartermaster and Hon, Lieut. H. G.

Reynolds, 5345 Company Sergt, Major A.; File, 8674 Sergt. W. G.;

Marslin, 9401 Serkt. W.; Palmer, 6031 Sergt. H. A.; Stroud, 6694

Sergt M. P; Eldridge, 7267 Lee. Corpl. P. E. (killed in action); Gilbert, 9879 Lee. Corpl. J.; Floyd, 6025 Pte. F. G.; Ward, 7934

Fte. G.

* This is the second time these officers have been mentioned.

The following Officers of the Regiment, serving with other units, are also mentioned: Lieut. Colonel H. Isacke, D.A.Q.M.G., Megrut, Division; Captain P. M. Aldworth, 3rd Battalion, attached 2nd Welsh Regiment, and 2nd-Lieut. J. H. Stokes, 3rd Batt., attached 1st Royal Berks Regiment. 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

Royal Berks Regiment.

Lieut. Colonel P. M. Davies, A.S.C., a former officer of the Regi-

ment, is also in the list.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND THE 3RD BATTALION.

The Sergeants' Mess of the Depot sent a Christmas card to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and were honoured with the following acknowledgment :-

Government House, Ottawa, 7th January, 1915.

The Military Secretary is desired by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to thank you for your kind Christmas and New Year wishes, which are much appreciated and heartily reciprocated by His Royal Highness.

The Members of the Sergeants' Mess, Depot The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regt., Maidstone, Kent, England.

COMFORTS FOR THE 1st BATTALION

Total 30						
Despatched on 7th January,	1915:		Australia de			
10 Parcels containing			Shirts.		Contract of the	
2 Parcels containing				8	Cardigans.	
8 Parcels containing						
8 Parcels containing		137	Vests.			

61 Shirts. 16 Cardigans.

1 Parcel containing 2 Parcels containing 16 Cardigans. 20 Mufflers, 29 Helmets, 9 Cardigans.

Total 29 Despatched on 23rd January, 1915: tched on 23rd January, 1915:

Through Military Forwarding Office, Southampton Docks,

4 Bales containing Sweets, Pipes, Tobacco, Cards, Chocolate, and 90 Mufflers.

Despatched on 24th January, 1915:

1 Parcel containing 4 Gross Bootlaces.

Despatched 25th to 29th January:
14 Parcels containing 378 Carriage Candles.

Despatched on 30th January:
7 Parcels containing 145 Towels.
18 Parcels containing 145 Shirts.
1 Parcel containing 19 Pants.
1 Parcel containing 19 Pants.
1 Parcel containing 13 Cardigans.
2 Parcels containing 24 Helmets, 7 Vests, 4 Body Belts.

Total 29
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The charges for packing, postage and despatching may at 11rst sight appear excessive, but it must be remembered all the above and also all gifts in kind have been sent out by parcels post, and this has been found by far the most satisfactory and expeditious way of getting the things to the men at the Front.

G. W. MAUNSELL, Colonel

Commanding Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment.

Maidstone, 1st Tebruary, 1915.

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: News from the Battalions.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

C COMPANY.

No. 6 Dug-out, The Muddy Way, Trench Town, N.E., Feb. 3rd, 1915.

Owing to strategical retirements, shortage of writing material, and many other little drawbacks, news of the old Company's doings has ceased to thrill the sporting readers of the "Gazette" for nigh on six months.

However, with several little items which may be of

interest, I venture to break the ice herewith.

As in the days of peace and clean and dry habitations, the Company has once more distinguished itself. time in a much higher game than the three years' struggle for that much coveted Munro Cup, of which the sweeping victory of "C" in 1914 is still fresh in the minds of many. And so it is with more than a little pride the following distinctions, which have been obtained by members of "C," are recorded :-

Lieut. (long distance runner) H. B. H. White ... D.S.O. C.S.M. F. Crossley D.C.M. Act. Co.-Sergt.-Major (footballer) M. Stroud ... D.C.M. Private (boxer) P. Donavon D.C.M. In spite of the fact that we are at war, sport has not been entirely at a standstill.

During one of the recent short spells from the trenches, a football team, representing "C," lined up against the

Royal Army Medical Corps.

On glancing round the ranks of those who turned out, one could not fail to notice the strange faces filling the positions usually occupied by the following, who have become casualities :-

Private (Goalie) Fenny — Wounded. Private (Right Back) Green - Killed.

Private (Left Back) Still - Wounded and missing.

Lance-Corporal (Left Half) Smith — Wounded.
Private (Centre Half) Merchant — Hospital.
Private (Right Half) Steel — Missing.
Private (Inside Left) Ring — Wounded.
Private (Centre Forward) Page — Killed.

The Huns have indeed gapped the ranks of our Company team, which, for the past three years, had been such a thorn in the side of other Companies in the Battalion Competitions.

The ground had been elaborately laid out, hop-poles doing duty as goal posts, and trenches, on a small scale, reminded one that touch lines were applicable, even on

It was not long ere we discovered that we had taken on something hot, and half time found that our defence had been penetrated on no fewer than four occasions, while

we had only replied once, through the medium of White.

A re-distribution of our firing line, while improving matters somewhat, brought little success till a quarter of an hour before full time, meanwhile the "Poultice Kings" had added a single.

Then we were ordered to "charge," and charge we did. Four goals (Seale three, White one) in as many minutes enabled us to retire with honours even, though perhaps the score does not actually represent the play.

In spite of the fact that the game was at times fast and furious, and that ammunition boots were not barred, we

came through with casualties NIL.

Next day a surprise in the shape of a challenge from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment to our Battalion was received. Unfortunately, the whole Battalion was not available, so "C" Company was ordered to turn out and do their best.

A severe trouncing to the extent of 8-1 was little more than anticipated.

The following Battalion results may be of interest:-1st Royal West Kent Regt. 2, 2nd K.O.S.B. 2. 9th Queen Victoria Rifles 3, 1st R.W.K. Regt. 2.

SAD END OF PRIVATE ROYLE.

Sad was the end of Private A. Royle, better known as "Arthur," well known and respected by many in both 1st and 2nd Battalions.

Royle was wounded at Missey in September. He was married. Great was the shock his wife received therefore, when a casualty list in our daily papers reported him as died of his wounds. Happily, this report turned out to be incorrect. Her joy, however, is to be short-lived.

Fully recovered from his wounds, Royle, to everyone's surprise, turned up with other reinforcements recently.

His first night in the trenches turned out to be his last, a shot from a German sniper proving fatal.

Alas, there can be no mistake this time.

Profound sympathy is expressed by everyone who knew

Somewhere in France, a simple wooden cross marks the grave of one who seems to have been a victim of misfortune.

ONE OF 'EM.

"Somewhere in France," January 31st, 1915.

As the remaining eight Battalions of the Regiment cannot find time to chronicle any sport items for "The Buster," I'll endeavour to supply the deficiency.

During our short periods of rests, when not engaging our friend the enemy, we naturally indulge as much as possible in the only sport at our command, viz., Football. (By the way, we could do with another couple of footballs and some spare bladders).

With the idea of finding a strong company team to fight for the Regimental Shield, should this trophy be played for out here, a platoon knock-out competition was instituted, which resulted in No. 9 defeating No. 12, 2-1, after extra time, and No. 11 defeating No. 10, 4-3. The final resulted in No. 9 defeating No. 11, 5-2, after extra time, No. 11, however, were distinctly unluckly, having two goals disallowed previous to full time.

No. 12 being dissatisfied with the result, again challenged No. 9, and actually won 3-0, albeit No. 9 were not at full strength, although playing one of No. 11 at back.

From these matches the following team was picked to meet the 13th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.: -Goal, Private Peskett; Backs, Private Steel, Sergeant Verrall; Halves, Private Batty, C.S.M. Stroud, Private Beckett; Forwards, Private Game, Private White, Corporal Roberts, Sergeant Seale, Private Carlton.

The Medicos attacked and were very quickly leading by two goals (Peskett having failed to turn up, a novice was placed between the sticks. An attack by "C" resulted in Game reducing the deficit, and Seale followed with an eqauliser.

The Medicos, however, again took the upper hand and scoring quickly on three occasions, crossed over with a 5-2

The concluding moiety was largely in favour of "C," the Medicos having shot their bolt, and goals by Carlton from a lovely corner by Seale, Seale and Roberts brought the scores level; an interesting game thus ending 5 all.

A Regimental match versus the Duke of Wellington's resulted in a terrible hiding for us by 8 goals to 1. It is only fair to state, however, that the Battalion were not thoroughly represented (the team actually comprised ten of "C" and one from another Company), otherwise a better result might have accrued. Criticism under the circumstances would be useless. Our solitary goal was scored by Coropral Roberts.

Our team consisted of :-

Goal, Peskett; Backs, Private Steal, Sergeant Verrall; Halves, C.S.M. Stroud, Private Rogers, Private Cliffe; Forwards, Lieut. Poland, Private White, Corporal Roberts, Sergt. Millen, Private Carlton. Referee, Acting Sergeant Hunter.

The matches, which are played in Service Dress and Ammunitions, and on very heavy grounds, are a great aid to the physical fitness of the men, and therefore serve more than the purpose of amusement.

Having trespassed considerably on your valuable space, I will conclude, hoping to provide you with copy for next

month's issue also.

"THE BUD."

D COMPANY.

I am just sending you details of a little concert which was got up by myself and Sappers of "D" Company. We had just come out of the trenches on Tuesday, 9th, and were billeted in a small music hall, "Jeanne D'Arc" by name. A "gaff" was proposed and was carried on as

Opening chorus by Sappers, "Sing a Song of Bonnie Scotland;" Private Molloy, "On the Mississippi;" Private Beckwith, "Ragtime Goblin Man;"; Private Dellow; Sergt. Emery, "Captain Gingah;" Private Denman, "Too Hard." Private "Bricky" Smith was chairman.

Music was "dished up" by means of a couple of mouth organs, played by Sergeant Dennington, Private Martin After a couple of minutes rest we resumed. Pte. McCabe (myself) gave the boys an impersonation of a Jew, which was well received, and I sang "Casey Jones." Ptes. Molloy and Beckwith gave us "The Ghost of the Violin," and for an encore sang "When the Midnight Chu Chu leaves for Alabaa," which was well applauded. All the N.C.O.'s and men who were present fully enjoyed it, and when we are having another rest, we will have another gaff. We are now having eight or nine days' rest, and the

weather is getting a lot better. All the Boys send their best respects to all at home, and we are looking forward to a speedy finish to the war.

Hoping you will find space for this in the "Buster,"-I

remain, Yours, etc.,

PRIVATE F. McCABE. "D" Company.

3RD BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

The 3rd Battalion goes on in the same old way, sending men out and getting men back from the Front and the Depot—and that is about all we can say. One great event, however, has happened—after months of separation, the whole Battalion is gathered together

in one place.

During the month the R.E. got up a boxing tournament, and our men figured prominently in the special contests that were intermixed with R.E. novices' competitions; in fact, a West Kent man appeared in each of the five fights that were billed. Sergeant Sheppard knocked out Pte. Kehleher, of the R.E., in the 3rd round, and Ptes. Barson and Darlow both lost after extremely good and level fights. Pte. Hill was not good enough for the redoubtable Pte. Braddock, of the R.M.L.L. but he made a plucky show against a really "class" Barson and Darlow both lost after extremely good and level fights. Pte. Hill was not good enough for the redoubtable Pte. Braddock, of the R.M.L.I., but he made a plucky show against a really "class" man. The contest of the evening was between Pte. Ladbury and Lce-Corpl. Flower, R.E., and we were disappointed that Ladbury was only awarded a draw. On January 27th, a "Broadwood Camp Concert" took place in the Chatham Town Hall, and our thanks are due to Second Lieutenant Craston, who was chiefly responsible for the entertainment. All the performers were well-known London people and the programme was quite exceptionally good. The hall was packed with a very enthusiastic audience, who insisted on encores to every item of the programme. The proceedings go towards sending "comforts" to the 1st Battalion.

Lieut-Colonel Sir Arthur Boscawen is giving a series of lectures on military history to the Garrison and thereby teaching "the young idea something of what their Regiments have done in the past and making them realise the colossal importance of the present war. Sergeant-Major R. Brown, the newly appointed Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, has gone to the Front, and carries with him the best of wishes from the 3rd Battalion.

The following officells have joined the (Battalion during the month:—Regular—Captain A. Knox (from Adjutant, Kent Cyclist Battalion); Captain N. I. Whitty (from sick leave from 2nd Battalion); 2nd Lieutenants L. H. Y. Pownall (recovered from wounds) and F. G. Littleboy (from sick leave from 1st Battalion); 2nd Lieutenants L. H. Y. Pownall (recovered from wounds) and F. G. Littleboy (from sick leave from 1st Battalion); 2nd Lieutenants L. H. Y. Downall (recovered from wounds) and F. G. Littleboy (from sick leave from 1st Battalion); 2nd Lieutenants M. Robertson, 2nd Lieuts. E. H. Siddeley, W. Dickinson, W. B. C. Hall and R. T. Daubeney (all first

E. W. Sheppard (first appointment).

Special Reserve—Lieut M. Robertson, 2nd Lieuts. E. H. Siddeley,
H. N. Dickinson. W. B. C. Hall, and R. T. Daubeney (all first
appointment). The following officers have left the Battalion during
the month:—To Expeditionary Force. Regular, Captain E. F.
Moulton-Barrett and 2nd Lieut, L. H. Y. Pownall. Special Reserve:
Lieuts. P. W. Bradley, C. M. Payton and C. W. H. Taylor, 2nd
Lieuts. G. G. Harris, C. H. Wild, G. R. Daubeney and W. R. Cobb;
also Captain A. K. Grant (to Brigade Major, 126th Brigade) and
2nd Lieut. P. J. Long (on transfer to A.S.C.)

5TH BATTALION NEWS.

BOXING NEWS.

To let you know that we are keeping the game alive out here I append the results of a Boxing Tourney held on Friday and Satur-

append the results of a Boxing Tourney held on Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th January.

Owing to this Battalion only arriving on the 5th December, time was rather short in order to scrape the best talent together, but the best was done, and I reckon the patrons quite arrived at the conclusion that there was some warm stuff knocking around, even in the absence of the majority of the kegular troops, who are "boxing" elsewhere. It turned out a great success and some great sport was witnessed by about 500 troops and civilians each night.

Two or three mails ahead I hope to be able to forward you the results of another tournament which we hope will turn out even a greater success.

greater success.

Sergeant-Instructor "Bob" Darley is one of the members of our Permanent Staff that is still with us, who I am sure can be well remembered by the followers of the game at home, as being amongst the Feather weight contestants at the N.S.C., Ring, etc. He was the principle organiser of the show, assisted by another member of the Permanent Staff, Sergt.-Instructor Lander, who also acted as a very capable M.C.

The officials of the Tourney were:—Referee, Lieut. E. S. Bredon, 2nd Battalion the Queen's Own (R.W. Kent Regiment); Judges,

Captain G. S. Cooper, 5th Battalion The Queen's Own, Lieut. E. F. Wilson. R.F.A.; Timekeeper, Captain R. E. Satterthwaite, 5th Battalion The Queen's Own; M.C., Sergt.Instructor F. J. Lander, 5th Battalion The Queen's Own.

SIX ROUND CONTESTS.

Sergt.Instructor Darley, 5th Battalion The Queen's Own) beat Gunner Garvey (79th Battery R.F.A.)

Darley applied the draught after three rounds of clever boxing. Garvey fought well and gamely, but was rather outclassed by a more skilful component.

more skilful opponent.

Gunner Moralee (79th R.F.A.) beat Gunner Mills (68th Heavy Battery)
A very good contest. The winner showed great skill and shou.u
make good in Army Boxing, with a little more experience.
Lce-Corpl. Blake (The Queen's Own) beat Pte, Wimbush (The
Queen's Own).

Blake is a feather of great promise and won well.

Driver Gordon (74th Battery R.F.A.) beat Corol. Jerden (R.A.M.C.)

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Dr. Hinge (The Queen's Own)Q beat Pte. Williams (The Queen's Own)
Two fly weights of promise.

Driver Smith beat Driver Kerwin.

Pace cut out too fast to last. Kerwin packed up in round four.

Pte. Smeed (The Queen's Own) beat Pte. Moncur (The Queen's Own). A great fight, this pair having fought on board trooper en route, Moncur winning, a great amount of interest was evoked. Both men took a deal of punishment and the margin of points must have been small at the closure.

Bombardier Studden (12th Ammunition Column) beat Volunteer Longman (2nd G.P. Railway Volunteers).

Studden showed himself to be a much more experienced fighter than Longman, but lacked finish. The loser made a great show and displayed a large amount of pluck. Some of those handed over by Studden must have proved winners against anyone of less powers of

endurance than Longman.

Gunner Stock (74th Battery, R.F.A.) beat Pte. Dyer

(The Queen's Own).

Dyer unfortunately injured his hand early on and was forced withdraw.

Gunner Masters (74th Battery R.F.A.) beat Gunner Powell
(12th Ammunition Column).
Six rounds of clever boxing was witnessed. Quite fast for heavy
weights. Masters forged ahead and won well on points.

WRESTLING MATCH.

Pte. Ashton beat Pte. Whiffen.
Ashton was giving a deal of weight away, but proved too clever

for his opponent.

WELTER-WEIGHT COMPETITION.
Final—Gunner Norton (——) beat Corpl. Flack (The Queen's Own).

6TH BATTALION NEWS.

A COMPANY.

Most of the Battalion is now billeted at Hythe in private dwelling houses and we all greatly appreciate the forethought of the authorities in making us so comfortable. I will not dwell upon the drawbacks of our muddy camp at Sandling, as it is now a thing of the past. British soldiers are not given to dwelling too much on unpleasant bygones. Our thoughts are now bent on the distant prospect when we shall be partakers in that glorious advance which our leaders are planning for us. We are all looking forward with great eagerness to "Der Tag" not the one which our friends (sic) the Germans has toasted so often, but the one which will be the day of reckoning when the Huns shall answer for their brutality in killing helpless women and children. killing helpless women and children.

It is very pleasant to see our Battalion growing fitter day by

The Seery pleasant to see our Battalion growing fitter day by day as each little drawback in our efficiency is adjusted.

The Company is now performing Battalion training and good progress is being made. Nothing is being done in the way of sport except for an inter Company football match occasionally. We received ten new recruits for the Compan yon Friday, 22nd inst. These have been placed under the charge of Lance-Sergt. Ward, who will

which I attach a list of the Officers and N.C.O.'s of A Company which I

l attach a list of the Omeers and N.C.O.'s of A Company which I hope you may find room for, as it will no doubt be of interest to many of your readers.

Corporals Saunders, Miller, Teague and Morris have just completed a course of Musketry Instruction under Lieut. G. W. Brown.

Captain Hudson, Captain Margetts and 2nd Lieutenant Brown have passed successfully through refresher courses at the Hythe

Lieut. Alderman, Ptes. 34 Taylor, 83 Smith, 870 Evans, 769 Blundell, 13 Hills and 168 Kemp have been through a course of Transport Duties with a view to taking over the Regimental Transport. sport.

904 Corpl. Moore, 82 Ptc. Ashby, 164 Lewin, 119 Jessop and 30 Silk are undergoing Instruction in Ambulance duties. Our comrades in France will see by the foregoing that we are rapidly approaching the time when we shall be with them. For the present adieu.

Again we have to chronicle a move—this time into billets at Hythe. Everyone finds the change a welcome one, except, perhaps, the Orderly Sergeant of the Week, who has to be very much a bird of quick passage. If his post were permanent, he would go a long way towards solving the problem of perpetual motion. He probably dreams of billets, and in a rosy vision sees cosy houses, built specially to conserve the time and energies of orderly sergeants. Perhaps, he even sees himself in duplicate, able to satisfy both officers and sergeant-majors—a state of almost unattainable beatitude.

We are in the thick of Battalion Training, and work out each day a tactical exercise designed to make us familiar with real service conditions when they come. Men should be finding out the importance of march discipline and punctuality. Probably, lack of the latter is a very fruitful cause of blunders and disasters, and every soldier should make it a point of honour to be always in time. He should, too, take zealous care of kit and equipment—things very easy to lose at the Front. And he should keep his rifle scrupulously clean, even if he knows he has got it only for drill purposes, and will have a brand new one for the Front. Many men have got to the trenches, and found their rifles useless. Others, who have formed the habit of keeping their rifles in thorough working order (even using bacon fat) have been able to fire 400 to 500 rounds a day. Think of the difference in the value of these men!

Like the rest of the Battalion, we have lost our water bottles—they have gone to the Front before us. In this place we have brilliant things of tin, temporary and frail, hung from nice white cord, with a khaki strip for the shoulder.

Captain C. H. Towse, of Bromley, has joined the Company.

The exceptionally bad weather has given many of us bad colds and coughs—particularly noticeable on Church Parade. But instead of going sick the men have stuck it valiantly, and the sick of "B" do not use many morning Sick Reports.

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or going sick the men have stuck it valiantly, and the sick of "B" do not use many morning Sick Reports.

We must not close without saying how much we all admire the smart, dapper appearance of Sergeant Pace in blue. He wore his blue for the first time on a pay day, and when he came smartly to attention at the pay table, he was the cynosure of all eyes, and sent quite a thrill through the company. A famous writer found it difficult to live up to his blue china; Sergt. Pace must find it difficult to live up to his blue suit.

C COMPANY.

We would first of all like to thank the Editor for the excellent Christmas number of the "Queen's Own Gazette," he prepared for us. We read with great pleasure the greetings from the "people of Kent," and enjoyed immensely Pett Ridge's short story and E. F. Benson's Essay.

The best pages, however, to our minds, were those describing the work of the 1st Battalion, and the various accounts have inspired us with a longing to "do likewise" when our time comes!

On the 28th of last month, the Company went for their "leave." After a week's furlough, the men returned to duty, fit and ready for "any-

It seem a long way from the mud of Purfleet and Sandling to the clean and well-swept roads of Hythe, and we appreciate the change !

We find little to grumble at in our present conditions, though we certainly envy a trifle our more fortunate brethren of A, B and D Companies in their comfortable billets!

Work has proceeded apace, and the Battalion as a whole was greatly inspired by the complimentary remarks on our trenches by the G.O.C.

Our thoughts, naturally dwell on the future and its possibilities, and we feel the time fast approaching for our removal to scenes of action, may we each live up to the glorious example set us by the 1st Battalion!

ROLL OF OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S OF A COMPANY.

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Captain E. Hudson, Company Commander.
Captain H. G. Margetts, Administrative Captain,
2nd Lieut, E. C. Lewin, Officer in Command of No. 1 Platoon.
2nd Lieut, G. A. L. Hatton, Officer in Command of No. 2 Platoon,
2nd Lieut, G. W. Brown, Officer in Command of No. 3 Platoon,
2nd Lieut, W. J. Alderman, Officer in Command of No. 4 Platoon,
2nd Lieut, W. J. Alderman, Officer in Command of No. 4 Platoon, and in
Charge of Transport Section.
Q.M.S. J. Cover, Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant.
C.Q.M.S. J. Mobberley, Company Quarter-Master Sergeant.
C.S.M. H. Taylor, Company Sergeant-Major.
Staff Sergeant S. Mills, Orderly Room Sergeant.
Staff Sergeant E. Thom, Master Tailor.
Sergeant H. Hibbett, Master Cook.
Staff Sergeant E. Thom, Master Tailor.
Sergeant H. Hibbett, Master Shoe Maker.
Sergeant P. Standen, Platoon Sergeant of No. 3.
Sergeant J. Glover, Platoon Sergeant of No. 4.
Sergeant J. Farrow.
Sergeant D. Farrow.
Sergeant E. Yeatman.
Sergeant B. Blanks, Physical Drill Instructor.

7TH BATTALION NEWS.

A COMPANY.

After the events and excitement of December and Xmas, January would have fallen rather flat, if it had not been for the musketry course during the first half.

The conditions were all against high scoring, rain, high winds and bad light being prevalent, but some of our fellows did very well indeed, the shooting on the whole being quite satisfactory.

The field practices were perhaps the most difficult, the wooden head and shoulders, which popped up for what seemed about one-tenth of a second, being in many cases almost invisible against the background of the butts.

Since firing, we have been proceeding steadily with Company training, including marches of twenty miles and over, and we are feeling more and

more fit for serious work when called upon.

We commenced at Purfleet with a company strength of 287, under the able command of Lieutenant Snelgrove, of the 3rd Battalion, soon promoted Captain on the 9th October, 1914, but since then have lost some of our comrades through transfers to the Cyclists' Corps, and other causes. On the 9th January we received a draft of sixteen men from the depot, who are coming on at a tremendous rate under the stimulus of energetic instructors, and the excellent example which we ourselves offer.

Our remarks in last month's "Gazette" must have reminded

headquarters that clothing for troops was a necessity, and not a luxury, as they apparently imagined. At any rate, they have been very active lately, and in a manner most satisfactory to all. We were first served out with black overcoats, quite alright as an overcoat, but not possessing the éclat of khaki. Several energetic individuals immediately rushed out and purchased brass buttons, spending the evening with the housewife, exchanging bone for brass. The effect was certainly very smart, but when the coats were called in again next morning, their remarks were of the same order as their industry of the previous day, and will not bear repeating.

A few days afterwards, headquarters, now thoroughly roused, bombarded our stores with tunics and trousers, followed by greatcoats, all khaki, and the amount of side put on by some is such that every second man imagines himself the brigadier, or appears to, at any rate. The fitting on, or absence of it, was very amusing, but fellow criticism was quite sufficient to ensure a respectable fit over the multitudinous underclothing we had to wear, and when the C.O. and tailor came round, the alterations were of a minor character only. A pair of scissors, a yard of thread, and a couple of minutes served to knock off six inches of superflous trouser, whilst the same materials, and a little longer time, when applied to the correct position, transformed the waist of a new recruit into one worthy of the best quartermaster in the brigade.

We had our only dose of snow on the 22nd January, about four inches, and after bombarding one another all the morning, we marched out to an organised battle on the range in the afternoon, A and B defending a position against C and D. The latter simply walked over the outposts, furnished by our Company, and finally rushed the main firing line

entrenched behind huge snowballs.

Our officers will all agree that a less conspicuous uniform is a necessity in warfare of any kind; they fairly got it hot that day, but gave as good as they received, and the whole encounter was thoroughly enjoyed as a welcome change by ali.

We are starting an entrenchment proper very shortly, the real thing, not merely exercise in digging, so interest in work is being well sustained.

B COMPANY.

I will start, as usual, by omitting to quote that time-honoured phrase about "our correspondent away—fallen upon my shoulders to write something—realise my short comings, etc.," and now that we know each other,

Mr. Editor, I will endeavour to interest.

Company training is proceeding fast in spite of the unfavourable weather; we seldom fail to get out to a training area, every day working "in the eye of Phorbus" (?) from "day morn to silent eve"—nearly, and everybody feels years younger for it; the cheerful way in which the men will lie down in pools of water to avoid observation by a lynx-eyed Pole Target, does one good to see.

This week we shall be hard at work practising "mole-warfare," with a

corresponding rise in the biceps, we hope.

The Company finished its Musketry—bar "casuals"—ten days ago; considering what the Clerk of the Weather can do at such important times,

we were lucky, and our figure of merit was good.

We are at full strength now, with the coming of some twenty recruits, and now that the coveted Khaki has been issued, we feel we should make short work of a German Army Corps, should one suddenly appear on the parade ground. Of course we should have to knock them all on the head, as the rifles we have, have been on the retired list some years now.

The men were entertained on December 8th to a concert given by the Company Officers, when a programme of some excellence was arranged

under the chairmanship of Major Whitaker. The Platoon Commanders were in fine voice in the grand old Scottish ballad "Just a wee deoch and doris," while Lieutenant Warren's rendering of the reason why he wore a kilt brought tears to the eyes of many. Most of the officers appeared on the platform and assisted, with the help of Sergeant Morley at the piano, of whose double is a line all the platform and assisted. of whose devotion in playing all the evening with an inoculated arm mention should be made, in making the evening most enjoyable. When our able organizer, Lieutenant Holland, returns from Hythe, we hope again to rally our forces on the platform and endeavour to dispel part of the gloom that must inevitably prevail in a City of Mud,

C COMPANY.

We are all well reconciled to the verdict of six months "Hard" broken by very occasional "evenings" and afternoons "out."

Just before Christmas (and Christmas Day luckily came into the Com-

pany's week's leave) we had a memorable Company Concert, in which certain Officers, N.C.O.'s and men shewed unsuspected ability.

On our return from Christmas leave we settled down to rigorous foot slogging, and it is whispered that complaints have come in from local

farmers that our boots have led many a field astray.

Out we went too on night operations, the Company's marching song of C Company's "never done" being faintly audible but hastily repressed as we left the precincts of the Camp.

At the present moment we are putting the noses of the other Companies out of joint in shooting (though it has been said that some of our own proboscis have been shaken by a first acquaintance with service ammunition) we feel at least that no German bomb-droppers shall pass this way

without a little well directed magazine fire. A mighty snow fight the other afternoon (A and B v C and D) was a pleasant foretaste of our baptism of fire. The baptism of fire was very real in some cases, as one felt the snow tickling down one's back. C and D swept all obstacles from their paths, and we had a fine exhibition of the superiority there is in the really offensive "offensive," against the

" offensive defensive."

D COMPANY.

All ranks of the D Company were on Xmas leave from 31st December to 6th January, and returned all the better for it to take up their training

Musketry is now the order of the day and is going on steadily in spite of bad weather, wind, rain and mud. On Friday, 22nd, we had our first snowstorm, which began very early in the morning and went on till nearly a foot of snow had fallen, eventually putting a stop to shooting on the range.

After work in the line all the morning, everyone was eager to get out when the weather cleared, and a snow fight was arranged for three o'clock in the afternoon. A and B Companies marched out first and entrenched on the range with heaped up snow, throwing out small parties to hold

two bridges about 100 yards to their front.

C and D Companies attacked in line with D on the left. The bridges were forced in spite of a strenuous defence, and the attack swept on

to about twenty yards from the trenches.

After carrying the bridge on their left a great part of D Company moved off to the right, and the few who kept straight on were met by a storm of snowballs from B Company in the defence, who had reserved their fire till their opponents were quite close. B Company followed this up by a vigorous counter attack from the trenches and drove back the left of D Company.

Meanwhile, however, the centre of the line had been pierced by the remainder of C and D Companies and the trenches were soon cleared.

The fight reminded one of Maiston Moor, when Rupert's fiery cavalry carried all before them in a desperate charge and fierce pursuit, only to find on their return that their main body had been defeated and the day was already lost.

After this everyone returned to the huts very wet but cheerful,

7TH SERVICE BATTALION.

During this last month all our efforts have been concentrated on Musketry. Firing by half-battalions, the course has just been concluded. Judging by peace standards the Company figures of merit are not very high, but when it is remembered that six short weeks ago only a very small proportion of the men had ever "loosed off" a service cartridge, it is remarkable what a good showing has been made.

As soon as the casuals have completed the course, the final figures will be published. The next item on the programme will be entrenching, and a position near camp has been allotted to the Battalion to be put in a

thorough state of defence.

A party of some eighty recruits have recently joined the Battalion, and

will soon be ready to take their places in the ranks.

We regret having to chronicle the departure of Captain R. B. Harrison, who has been compelled to relinquish his commission owing to ill-health. We have had several visits from our Divisional Commander, General Maxse, and also from Generals Drummond and Landon (Inspector Generals of Infantry), who were pleased to express their approval of the progress made in the training.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

7TH (S.) BATT. QUEEN'S OWN (R.W.K.) REGIMENT.

The Sergeants' Mess has had the pleasure of welcoming the following old friends back to the fold from the Depot :—Sergeants Bailey, Cozens, Collins, Klein, and Thomas, and naturally things in the Mess have been quite gay.

On Saturday, the 23rd, we paid a surprise visit to our comrades of the "Buffs," under the leadership of our gallant Sergeant-Major. A most enjoyable evening was spent there with music and song, under the leadership of Sergeant-Major Kesley, whose genial hospitality one and all appreciated. We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining our hosts shortly in return.

These inter-regimental visits on the part of the Sergeants do an immense amount of good, not only as regards promoting good will and friendship between the Battalion in the Brigade, but also, men meet together, discuss various points and learn fresh wrinkles from one another that are a great help to us who live in these present rapid times.

We have to regret the loss of two popular Sergeants from our Mess this month, viz., Messrs. Thompson and Hutchings, the former receiving his commission in the "Queen's Own," and the latter in the 4th King's Royal Liverpool Regiment. Success attend them both in their new sphere of duties.

8TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

The Christmas leave being now finished, we have settled down to the usual routine, and we are progressing with the training as fast and as far

We are still waiting for the order to move "somewhere," and we expect it will be a short notice when it does come, but we shall be "Ready, aye,

Ready.

We much regret to announce the death of Company Sergeant-Major H. R. Bryne, of D Company, who died at Gravesend, whilst on sick furlough. We also regret to announce the death of Private Sidney Ford, of B Company, who died of pneumonia on the 15th January at the "Cecils," a temporary hospital here. Both were buried will full military honours, the former on the 16th January, and the latter on the 18th January.

A short concert was held in the Trinity Hall on January 7th, by kind permission of the Rev. Hollis, arranged by Corporal J. H. Anderson, of C Company. The programme was carried out entirely by the following members of the "Queen's Own":—Sergeant Hibbert, Corporal Anderson, Corporal Tovey, Private Brooks and Private Blaiklock. It was a mixed programme consisting of violin solos, piccolo solos, musical sketches and vocal music. The concert, though short, was a success, the hall being filled. Lieutenant C. I. Blackburne-Maze took the chair, a few officers of D Company, the Rev. Hollis, his family and friends also being present.

We have also had two Regimental Concerts arranged by kind permission of Colonel E. Vansittart, one on the 13th inst. for C and D Companies, the other on 18th inst. for A and B Companies, both being held in the Literary Institute, Worthing. Capital programmes were gone through, including some classical music by the Macwhirter Orchestra, which consists mostly of ladies. A violin solo by Miss Geraldine Macwhirter, 'cello solo by Miss Violet Macwhirter and piccolo solo by Sergeant J. T. Hibbert were all rendered in first class style, and, judging by the applause that was given, were much enjoyed by all present. Miss Ethel Macwhirter gave us several good songs, including "Your King and Country Need You," the famous recruiting song, in the chorus of which we all joined. Several local gentleman, all star turns, also contributed; Mr. McDermott, Scotch commedian; Mr. Ovenden, tenor; Dr. Densham, bartione; Mr. Cooper, comedian; and Master J. Warren, soprano. The Regimental talent was represented by Corporal J. H. Anderson, musical sketch, and Private Haworth, baritone.

The hall, which held about 400, was full on each occasion, and at both concerts we enjoyed the presence of our Commanding Officer, Second-in Command, Adjutant and their ladies, and most of the Company officers.

The arrangements were very ably carried out by Sergeant-Major H. Evans, Sergeant J. T. Hibbert and Corporal J. H. Anderson. to whom a vote of thanks was accorded.

8TH BATTALION FOOTBALL NEWS.

ONE_TWO_THREE_FOUR_FIVE_SIX. This has nothing at all to do with Physical Drill, but is the result of the First Round of the Worthing Charity Cup in aid of the local Red Cross Hospital played on Saturday, 30th January, between the 8th West Surreys and the "Queen's Own." The result of the match was a win for the 8th Royal West Kents

by six goals to one. We must say that the "Queen's" played a good game, but we feel proud of the men who pulled off the victory for the "Queen's Own," as they played up like the "sports" that they are. Special praise is due to Captain W. K. Sanderson and Second Lieutenant H. L Lewis, who treated us to an excellent exhibition of what can be done by "combination." It was a real treat to see these two gentlemen play, and if they "play" together as well when we cross the water as they did on Saturday, and we know they will (both being in the same Company), there will be a bigger score than six goals when the "International Match" takes place between the West Kents (representing England versus Germany. We must not forget the old dug-ups, however, who played the game the same as they used to when in the "old brigade" some years ago

We won't say how many or it might make them look too old).

We refer them to C.Q.M.S. J. McGregor and Sergeant F. E. Bailey, who both worked like Trojans to uphold the prestige of their "new Regiment." We all know C.Q.M.S. McGregor has a head for figures, but he has a better head for the "ball." He rolled on the ground a few times, but was soon on his feet again to the tune of "Old Soldiers never die," sung lustily by the "Queen's Own" supporters, who managed to commandeer the stands at both ends of the field. We must not finish this account of the match without mentioning our excellent goal keeper, Lance-Corporal A. Judd. The scores might have been more even if it had not been for the way in which he threw himself about between the uprights. He is indeed promising, and we look forward to possessing the CUP if he only does as well in "parrying" and "guarding" the goal in the future rounds as he did on Saturday.

We have now left Shoreham-by-Sea (or more approprietly named Shoreham-in-the-Mud), and are billeted in nice comfortable houses, which is a pleasant change after working and living mostly in rain and mud for the last two months; and although the weather since we arrived here has been very changeable and stormy, the task of organising the systems of getting the troops at the allotted places of meeting, and carrying out their programme of work has been carried out successfully in spite of those obstacles, and we can safely say that we are in good working order.

The Battalion Football Team played Worthing on the 12th December and after a good hard game the match resulted in a draw, no goals being scored. One of the old Queen's Own players, C.S.M. J. McGregor played in this match, and showing us some of his old tricks, upheld the prestige of his new Regimental Team. The return match was played on Boxing Day and resulted in a win for the Blues by two goals to one. In this match we were assisted by another old "dug-up," Corporal Bailey, of the 1st Battalion who showed how he had helped to win battles in the former

A Roller Skating Hockey Match took place at the Kursaal, Worthing, between the Queen's Own and the Buffs, which resulted in a win for the Queen's Own by two goals to one.

List of Officers and Non-commissioned Officers who have been posted to the 8th Battalion and whose names are not included in our last list given in the November Number of the "Q.O.G."

Capt. G. C. Henderson-Roe.
Lieut. Sir H. Hawley, Bart.
Lieut. P. M. Robertson-Ross.
Lieut. H. S. Brown.
Lieut. P. T. Smith.
Lieut. O. Jones.
Lieut. F. W. A. Forest.
Lieut. S. R. Paul.
2nd Lieut. F. I. St. George.
2nd Lieut. H. L. Lewis.
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2nd Lieut. H. M. Old.
2nd Lieut. H. W. Hamilton
2nd Lieut. F. W. Hamilton
2nd Lieut. G. D. N. Lawson.
2nd Lieut. G. D. N. Lawson.
2nd Lieut. G. de L. Hough.
2nd Lieut. C. F. Pentom.
2nd Lieut. C. A. Hutchinson. 2nd Lieut, H. O. Beer. 2nd Lieut, E. A. Bigsby. 2nd Lieut, G. E. Beney. 2nd Lieut, E. I. Welch. 2nd Lieut, E. I. Welch.
2nd Lieut, H. D. Watts,
2nd Lieut, V. G. Don,
2nd Lieut, C. N. Harris.
2nd Lieut, E. A. Stewardson,
2nd Lieut, E. C. Mieville.
2nd Lieut, E. A. Stewardson,
2nd Lieut, J. J. Scott,
2nd Lieut, G. J. Stoucham,
2nd Lieut, G. J. Stoucham,
2nd Lieut, A. G. Butler,
2nd Lieut, F. Boorman,
2nd Lieut, F. W. Plant,
2nd Lieut, F. W. Plant,
2nd Lieut, C. G. Eccles,

Non-commissioned Officers.

Sergt. W. J. Thompson, Sergt. S. Verrall. Sergt. E. Kirby, Sergt. J. Mears. Sergt. W. Roots. Sergt. A. Hogden. Sergt. W. E. Llewellyn. Sergt. H. H. Dunn.

On Saturday, the 9th January, the Battalion team succeeded in defeating a Battalion team of the 8th "The Buffs" by the odd goal.

In spite of the inclement weather of the preceding days, the Worthing Sports Ground was in splendid condition, and being favoured with a fine afternoon, which was only marred from a football point of view by a strong wind, we were able to have a very enjoyable game.

The Battalion team winning the "toss," decided to kick against the wind. After 20 minutes hard fighting our opponents took the lead, but

we were soon given the opportunity of equalising by one of our opponents A

"handling" in the penalty area. Fuller taking the penalty kick succeeded in levelling the score with a well placed shot. Half time found the score

During the second half, assisted by the wind, we made furious attacks on our opponent's goal, and after many deserving efforts by Lieutenants Sanderson and Lewis, the latter gave the Battalion team the lead.

Our opponent's efforts to equalise proved fruitless, leaving full time score 2-1 in our favour. Sergeant Bailey was in his usual good form, his "foot" work being very conspicuous.

The team was as follows:—

Goal, Brown; backs, Second-Lieutenant Gibbs and Davies; half-backs, Fuller, Hemmings, Bassett; forwards, Taylor, Second-Lieutenant Lewis, Sergeant Bailey, Lieutenant Sanderson and Wilson.

9TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

It would not appear too venturesome to prophesy that by the time these lines appear in print the 10th Battalion of the Queen's Own will be in existence. It is no idle speculation which prompts this prediction, but the combination of persistent rumour with the almost complete duplication of our staff of officers.

During the past four or five weeks the following officers have been posted to our Battalion :- Major W. Kent Lemon, Captain A. A. Hall, Captain A. E. Robertson, Captain J. F. S. Tulloh, Lieutenants C. E. Lowell, C. E. Hart, and H. R. Thompson: 2nd Lieutenants G. Stokes, H. W. H. Bothamley, and F. H. Champion, thus bringing the present

strength of our staft up to 47 all told.

Since the last issue of the Gazette the Battalion has been doing some more good work with the pick and shovel-to say nothing of the handy billhook and ubiquitious sack- and what our men don't know about

trenching isn't worth knowing!

Apart from our excavating work we have not had much opportunity for any Company or Battalion training except at night time. However full use has been made of the "wee sma' cors," and much useful practice has been given by the men in night picquet duties. One sentry the other night showed much keenness by reporting to the officer in charge of the picquet "a suspicious light just above the horizon which kept on going out." On investigation the matter was discovered to be nothing more harmful than a rather bright star which was every now and then obscured by passing clouds !

It is an honour to the Battalion to be able to provide our Brigade with its Signalling Officer, 2nd Lieutenant J. Le M. Crole, having been

appointed to that position.

The Social and Sporting sides of the Battalion have rather had to remain in abeyance since early in December, seeing that we are kept hard at work during all the available hours of daylight, Saturday afternoons included, and have, in consequence, no chance of meeting any rivals on the football or hockey fields, and, as regards concerts, many of our star performers have either got colds or happen to be detailed for night duty when they should be singing! We have, however, received a charlenge to play the Middlesex Regiment at Soccar on 23rd January, and I believe a great effort is being made to bring the match

Our Second in Command, Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt is very kindly interesting himself in the Sporting Section of the Battalion, and it goes without saying that with him in charge of our Games Committee we shall soon make a name for ourselves in the Athletic World.

It is with much regret that I have to chronicle the death of one of the men of C Company, No. 3115 Private T. Warden, who unfortunately contracted pneumonia, to which illness he succumbed on the 4th

January.

Rev. H. M. Johnson, whose Church the Battalion attends, has very kindly inaugurated a weekly "At Home" from 8 p.m. onward for the benefit of the officers. That his thoughtfulness is much appreciated it is un-necessary to say, and our thanks are due to him and Mrs. Johnson torthe pleasant evenings thus afforded.

1ST BATTALION'S LETTER OF THANKS.

In the Field, 7th January, 1915.

Dear Mr. Editor,—The 1st Battalion received on the 5th of January from H.M.S. Vanguard a most generous present of tobacco January from H.M.S. Vanguard a most generous present of tobacco and cigarettes for every officer, non-commissioned officer and man on the strength. On a separate occasion, only a fortnight previously, a similar present had been received, and in order to express the thanks and appreciation of all ranks for these kindly actions a letter, signed by representatives of all ranks, was sent to H.M.S. Vanguard. I know that all Battalions of the Regiment will be interested to hear of this very friendly action on the part of the Ship's Company of HtM.S. Vanguard, and I therefore forward for publication in the "Q.O.G." a copy of the letter to which I have referred above. — Yours very truly,

P. M. ROBINSON Major,

Commanding 1st Royal West Kent Regiment.

THE BATTALION'S LETTER OF THANKS.

In the Field, 6th January, 1915.

We, the undersigned, representing all ranks of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), wish to convey to the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M.S. Vanguard, our sincere thanks for the 1,000 boxes of tobacco and cigarettes received to-day and distributed to every officer and man of the Battalion.

Over and above the generosity of the gift itself, we regard your action as a bond of good fellowship between the two services, and more especially as a token of friendship between all ranks of H.M.S. Vanguard and all ranks of this Battalion, which we trust will long outlive the present war.

We are so situated at present that, beyond this letter, we are unable to make any return for your kind and cordial conduct towards us, but this will not always be so.

We wish you all success, both in War and Peace, and we eagerly look forward to the time when your long period of watchful activity may be brought to a successful close by a fleet action.

THE DEPOT.

There is little to chronicle that can be of general interest. Sport is dead as far as we are concerned, and rightly so (except as an adjunct to training). All our thoughts are centred on the great an adjunct to training). All our thoughts are centred on the great orama being enacted across the water, in which we are the humble supers. The role of the Depot is merely to serve as a collecting centre of the recruiting area for the Regiment. As recruits come in they are clothed, initiated in the rudiments of discipline and drill, and after a few days drafted off in batches to the Special Reserve (3rd Battalion), or to our four new Service Battalions (Kitchener's Army). Figures might be objected to, but speaking generally, recruiting has been good, and the quality far above the average of peace standards.

recruiting has been good, and the quality far above the average of peace standards.

It is a great pleasure to see so many ex-N.C.O.'s and old soldiers arriving from all corners of the Empire, most of them throwing up excellent situations and appointments to answer their country's call. Ohers we know and hear of who are responding to that call in places and in ways as useful and necessary as those who have been able to answer their names in person at this great muster. In addition to recruits, the wounded and sick who have been invalided from the Front (amongst who are some who only joined the Service since the beginning of the War) also assemble here when convalescent, and after a period of furlough at their homes. Many a story of gallant conduct, both individual and collective, we hear of through them. These when regarded sufficiently fit are also drafted to the 3rd Battalion, and eventually are sent out again to help "hold the Fort," till Kitchener's Army take the Field.

A CHILD'S LETTER.

The Barracks, Maidstone, 28th January, 1915.

The Editor, "The Queen's Own Gazette."

Sir,—On behalf of Sergt. H. Styles, who is still suffering from a somewhat severe wound in the forearm, I am sending two letters has received since being at the Depot.

Sergt. Styles after being wounded at La Bassee was taken to Bethune by motor ambulance, and from there proceeded to Netley.

The letters are interesting as showing that at least the school children of England realise what our men are doing for them, and which, apparently, the "skulkers" have not yet had time to realise.

Yours faithfully, Yours faithfully,

H. J. BASS, O.R. Sergeant.

Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment.

No. 6101 Sergt. H. Styles, R.W.K. Regiment, Maidstone. Wounded at La Bassee, October 12th, 1914. *

Hever, Kent.

With the best wishes of the Hever Sunday School Children, who are anxious to show that they appreciate what you are doing for us. ALICE EASTMAN.

Hever, Kent.

Dear Soldier,-I hope you will have a Happy Christmas. We are sending you some tobacco, with the love of the Hever Sunday School children. I hope you will have a good time. We want to see you again soon. We hope you wont get killed with the shell. With love DOROTHY SMITH. x x x x x

N.C.O.'s 1st BATTALION.

Seniority Roll of N.C.O.'s who have been with the 1st Battalion since the commencement of the Campaign (under date 18th January, 1015 :-

uate	10111	January, 1915 :-			
No.		Permanent Rank.	Acting Rank.		Name.
3958		OMO	are on a reason		Mackintosh, J.
5872		CONG	Regtl, SM.		Hannan, F.
5649		MANTA	regu, c. m.		Seal, E
4158		Canana			Maslin, B.
8674	•••	Cormont			
8558		0	0031		File. W.
6604		Comment	C.S.M.	•••	Mockford, A.
7647	•••		C.S.M.		Stroud, M.
9401	•••		00.00		Stone, S.
	•••		C.Q.M.S.		Marslin, E.
9125		~	C.Q.M.S.		Drury. C.
9229	,				Seale, W.
9671		Sergeant	CS.M.		Duffleld G.
8716			Sergeant		Welch, T.
9267		Lance-Sergt			Sh.w. J.
9228		Corporal			Stedman, G.
9950		Corporal	Sergeant		Goble, W.
9773		Corporal	Sergeant		Rosedale, W.
					Killed Jan. 22, 1915.
9041		Corporal	Sergeant		Fisher, W.
7501		Corporal	Sergeant		Markham, W.
8008		0 1	Sergeant		Page, W.
7590	/	T ' (1)	SergtMr. Coo		Keane, J.
9760		1 0 1	e geant		Fowler, C.
9917		Lance-Corpl	Sergeant		Botting, R.
9531		T O . 1	Sergeant		Bowyer, S.
7659		f 0 1	Sergeint		Vince t, F
7202		Lance-Corpl	Corporal		Russell, W.
10126		Lance-Corp	Sergeant		Carpenter, W.
7261		Lance-Corpl	Sergeant		Wright, D.
9024		Lance-Corpl	Corporal		Lawrence, C.
7164		Lance-Corpl	Sergeans		O'Connor, M.
8339		Lance-Corpl	Sergeant		Mann, F.
8505		T O 1	Corporal		Davi , B.
8739		Lance-Corpl	Sergeant		Robinson, A.
7248		Lance-Corpl	Sergeant		Verrall, R.
8226		Lance-Corpl	Corporal		Rabbitt, S.
8844		Lance-Corpl		***	
7813		Lance-Corpl	Corporal Corporal		Palmer, P, Cook, C.
7569		Lance-Corpl			
7446		Lance-Corpl	Corporal	***	Bagwell, A.
8218	•••		Corporal		Carley, W.
9924	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Lance-Corpl	Corporal	***	Pringle, L
9091		Lance-Corpl		•••	Whiffen, W.
	•••	Lanee-Corpl			Cousins, F.
7403 7691	•••	Lance-Corpl			Hanmore, F.
	•••	Lance-Corpl			Whitehorn, A
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3801	•••	Lance Corpl			Munday, W.
		Royal A	rmy Medical Cor	ps.	

SPORTS AT SHOREHAM.

During the stay of the 72nd Brigade at Shoreham, Brigade Sports were carried on by a Committee acting jointly with the Committee of the Brighton and Shoreham Aerodrome. The members of the Aerodrome kindly granted the use of their Athletic Ground.

Unfortunately for the "Queen's Own" on the day fixed for the first heats, the Battalion was finding the Brigade Fatigues, so that we were not able to be fully represented. Upon the day for the Divisional Final Sports to be run off, the weather, which had been bad throughout, rendered any form of sports impossible.

The following are the names of successful competitors :-

Football Kick	Private Hill, 2nd.
Skipping	Private R. C. Bate, 2nd.
Seven Miles	
440 Yards	
Three Miles	
Non-com, Officers' Race	
Three-quarters Mile	
Veteran Officers	Lieut. W. K. Sanderson, 3rd.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges the receipt with thanks of the following subscriptions, etc.:--

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Colonel (Temporary Brigadier General) F. G. Wintour, C.B., is appointed a Brigade Commander, and to retain his temporary rank.

Lieutenant W. Newton, 1st Battalion, has joined the 6th Battalion, from sick leave. *

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on January 15th, at which he decorated Lieutenants H. B. H. White and J. Russell with the D.S.O.

Major C. Bonham Carter has been appointed a "Liaison" Officer in the British Expeditionary Force.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been granted Commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regiment:—Quartermaster Sergeant A. C. Elton, from North Stafford Regiment; Quartermaster Sergeant R. Harrison; Colour-Sergeant A. Howe, from the Durham Light Infantry; Sergeant C. Madgett, from the 14th Hussars; Sergeant A. H. Piggott, from the Welsh Regiment; Drill Sergeant H. Bracken, from the Irish Guards. Colour Sergeant H. F. Stevens to be 2nd Lacutenant in the Buffs, East Kent Regiment.

Captain J. T. W. Fiennes is appointed a Commander of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College, with the temporary rank of Major.

Second Lieutenant E. B. Walker, Dorset Regiment, S.R., has been gazetted to the Regiment as 2nd Lieutenant.

The Headquarters of the 2nd Battalion is now at Nasirabad, with two Companies on detachment at hyderabad, and five other small detachments at various places between Karachi and Mhow.

The medal of the Royal Humane Society has been awarded to Edward Walls, H.M.S. Scourge, for his attempt to save a man of the 4th Battalion at Suez on November 13th, 1914.

* Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry R. Brown has been promoted Sergeant Major in the 1st Battalion. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, as also to his respected and estuemed father, who for many years was Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion.

The 4th Reserve Battalion has moved from Ascot to Chattenden, near Chatham, and the 5th Reserve Battation from Ascot to Milton Barracks, Gravesend. *

We regret to announce the death of Major F. B. Carlisle, of the 4th Battalion, at Jubbulpore, who was thrown from his horse, fracturing the base of his skull. He served in South Africa during the Boer War. He was an excellent officer, and will be much mourned. We deeply deplore his loss.

The Officer Commanding the Depot will be glad if all Officers of the Regular Battalions will kindly send him their address.

An Officer in the A.S.C. writes in the Daily Mail on February 1: An Omcer in the A.S.C. writes in the Barly Mail on February 1.

"A supply officer's job is a very responsible one. He has to keep everyone contented. A regimental officer will come to him and say: 'We were 40 rations of tea short yesterday.' 'Were you,' says the Supply Officer. 'By jove, you're lucky! The West Kents were 90 short, and they have not said a word yet. Here's some extra bacon for you.'" for you.'

The Editor trusts that he will not be thought to be very exacting if the reminds his readers that subscriptions to the paper are payable yearly in advance. He will therefore be glad to receive subscriptions for 1915 as early as possible. In some cases also arrears are due.

Captain C. V. Molony (Hon. Major), Reserve of Officers, late 1st Battalion has joined the 1t Battalion for duty.

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Since our January issue the following alterations in the distri-bution of the undermentioned Officers of the 2nd Battalion have bution of the undermentioned Officers of the 2nd Battalion have taken place:—
Major C. E. Kitson, from Jhansi to Nasirabad.
Captain A. K. Searight, from Karachi to Hyderabad.
Captain M. W. Graham, Acting Station Staff Officer, Multan.
Lieut. A. S. Bredon, attached to 5th Battalion, Jhansi.
Lieut. C. F. Battye, attached to 4th Batt., East Kent Regiment, Kamptee. Lieut. V. S. Clarke, Station Staff Officer, Nasirabad.

2nd Lieut. A. C. Elton, Nasirabad, on first appointment. 2nd Lieut. R. Harrison, Hyderabad, on first appointment. 2nd Lieut. A. Howe, Nasirabad, on first appointment. 2nd Lieut. C. V. Madgett, Nasirabad, on first appointment. 2nd Lieut. A. H. Piggott. Nasirabad, on first appointment.

The addresses of the following Officers are as under, and not as

given in our last month's issue: CAPTAIN G. D. LISTER,

Offizier,

Gefangeneulager, Burg, Magdeburg, Germany.

British Prisoner of War,
Care of G.P.O., Mount Pleasant.
LIEUT. A. A. E. CHITTY,

Offizier.

Garrison Lazarett, Hofgeismar, near Cassell, Germany.

British Prisoner of War, Care of G.P.O., Mount Pleasant. No news must be sent about the war. No stamp is required, and the letter should be left open.

The Secretary of the Old Comrades' Association will be glad to receive from Members their subscriptions for the current year. Attention is drawn to notice on Third Page of Cover.

The following members of the Reserve of Officers are now em-

Colonel R. C. Style, Commandant, General Base Depot, B.E.F.
Major A. W. Martyn, Secretary, Kent Territorial Association.
Major E. V. O. Hewett, Major, 8th Battalion.
Major E. F. Venables, Major, 2nd in Command, 6th Battalion.
Major T. P. C. Smith, Army Ordnance Department.
Captain H. C. W. Beeching, Temporary Major, 6th Battalion.
Captain C. V. Molony, General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, Hon. Major.
Captain G. Elgood, Adjutant, General Base Depot, B.E.F.
Captain H. W. Snow, A.A. and Q.M.G., 15th Division.
Captain P. A. Wilson, 3rd Echelon Base, B.E.F.
Captain W. H. Annesley, D.A.A. and Q.M.G., 15th Division.
Captain A. H. Pullman, Temporary Major, oth Battalion.
Lieut. W. Wilberforce, Royal Naval Division.

The following retired Officers of the Regiment are now employed as under:-

Brigadier-General E. A. Grove, C.B., Commandant, Secondary Line or Communication.

Colonel C. E. Harrison, Commandant, General Base Depct, B.E.F. Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Commanding Depot. Lieut. Colonel C. R. Crosse, M.V.O., Staff Officer, Musketry Camp. Major A. T. Morse, General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade. Major O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Battanon, Temporary Lieut.

Colonel.

Major L. B. Hollinshead, Second in Command, 8th Battalion.
Major W. E. Rowe, Second in Command, Depot.
Major F. W. Burbury, Railhead Commandant, B.E.F.
Major T. T. Burt, Second in Command, 9th Battalion, Hon. Lieut. Colonel.

Colonel.

Major R. J. Roche, Quartermaster, Depot, Royal Fusiliers,
Major E. W. Brown, Quartermaster, Depot, Border Regiment.
Major J. Couch, Quartermaster, Depot, Border Regiment.
Captain J. H. Kennedy, Recruiting Office, Norfolk.
Colonel E. L. A. Heygate, Remount Department.
Captain R. H. Eccles, Depot.
Captain J. Lees, Adjutant, Depot.
Lieutenant D. P. Forestier Walker, Remount Department.
Lieutenant E. J. Hudson, 6th Battalion, Temporary Captain.
Lieutenant H. J. Dresser, 7th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment,
Temporary Captain.
Lieutenant W. M. Ogle, Captain, 3rd Battalion.
Lieutenant W. J. Need, Temporary Lieutenant, General List.
Lieutenant J. F. S. Tulloh, Temporary Captain, 9th Battalion.
Lieutenant R. B. Hope, Captain, 3rd Batt, East Surrey Regiment.
2nd Lieutenant C. de C. Middleton, Adjutant, 8th Battalion, Temporary Captain.

porary Captain.

2nd Lieutenant R. T. Hoare, Lieutenant, 12th County of London Regiment.

Lieutenant J. C. Cooke, Commanding Cyclist Company, 15th Division.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties amongst the officers of the Regiment during the month of February :---

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. J. E. G. Brown. Second Lieut. K. Frost.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Second Lieut. J. F. Burbury. 2nd Lieut. M. N. Thompson.

WOUNDED.

Captain C. V. Molony. Second Lieut. J. H. Stokes. Second Lieut. G. G. Harris.

Lieut. J. E. G. Brown was an excellent officer, energetic and resourceful, and cool in action. His imperturbable manner was a great asset in time of strain. Shortly before his death he was given the prominent, though dangerous, post of Scout Officer. Sound judgment and tenacity of purpose promised to carry him far in his profession had he been spared. He will be much missed.

2nd Lieut. J. F. Burbury was educated at Eton and Sandhurst, and only joined on Oct. 1st, 1914. He was 19 years of age, but was capable beyond his years, and performed excellent service with the 1st Battalion, keeping fit and well under conditions which tried older and stronger men. He was a very brave officer and appeared unable to realise danger. Most conscientious as to duty, of a cheerful and happy nature, courteous and unselfish, he would, had he been spared, have been a very great acquisition to the Regiment. The greatest sympathy is felt for his father, who for many years served in the 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

Second Lieut. M. N. Thompson was given a commission in the 1st Battalion from Corporal, Motor Cyclists, Royal Engineers, on November 1st, 1914. He, however, never joined the Battalion.

Second Lieut. K. Frost was promoted from the Artists' Rifles and only joined the 1st Battalion a few days before he was killed, his name not having yet appeared in the Gazette. He was a promising officer.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the casualty list from February 1st to 28th, 1915:—

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. G. Armsden
Pte. S. W. Beckwith
Pte. H. Bonham
Pte. A. Ford
Pte. H. Penny
Sergt. W. Rosendale
Pte. S. Rosendale

Pte. W. Stanford Corpl. S. Spearing Pte. J. Shean Pte. A. Stevenson Pte. G. Walker Pte. H. Wooiford Pte. T. Whitehead

WOUNDED.

Sergt. W. Pronger Pte. A. Piller Pte. W. Rickman Pte. W. Realf Pte. E. Sharp Pte. W. Tyson Pte. T. Turner Pte. F. Archer
Pte. W. Barrow
Pte. W. Baldwin
Pte. F. Beagley
Pte. M. J. Fox
Pte. G. Forbes
Pte. W. Lovelock

N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST. Died. Killed. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. FORMER LISTS. 2 182 586 27 160 2 196 600 160 Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men 985

OFFICERS.

PRESENT LIST Killed Wounded FORMER LISTS. 20

Total all casualties amongst Officers Grand total all ranks

N.B .-- "Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds."

"ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THEM."

The names of officers, N.C.O.'s and men who have served continually with the Battalion since the beginning of the war, including those wounded and returned, and including first reinforcements.

213 OF THE ORIGINALS.

Capt. H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop, wounded and returned. Lieut. and Q.M. H. G. Rogers Ond Lieut C H

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	N.C.O.	's and	MEN	Total Control
"A"	COMPANY.		8754	C.S.M. W. File, wounded and
8222	LcCorpl. W. William	18		returned, machine gunner.
7935	Pte. W. Langham		10060	Sergt. Goble, machine gunner
	Pte. W. Mott		8844	Corpl. D. Palmer, machine
7806	Corpl. Camper		0011	gunner . Lamer, machine
8404	LcCorpl. W. Watts		9700	
7604	Pte. A. Stock			Pte. Potter, machine gunner
9948	LcCorpl. P. Newell		8973	Pte. Nelson, machine gunner
7664	Pte. L. May			Pte Friend, driver
5750	Pte. G. Watts		7647	Sergt. Stone, pioneer sergt.
8008	Pte. H. Adams		8218	Pte. L. Pringle
9995	Pte. F. Jupp		5226	Pte. Newell
7738	Pte. W. Carter		8974	Pte. Dyett. employed as clerk
7659	Sergt. F. Vincent		9867	Pte. Jackson, transport
7813	LcSergt. E. Cook		7941	Pte. Connell, transport
7603	Sergt. C. Barden		10031 9431	Pte. Theedham, pioneer Pte. Wehmer, pioneer
8557	C.S.M. A. Mockford		7051	Pte. W. Searle, pioneer
7784	Corpl. J. Wilson LcCorpl. A. Turner		7466	Pte. F. Barker
10073 7814	LcCorpl. S. Vickers		9966	Pte. Cresswell
7804	Pte. E. Carter			Pte. Regan, servant
9762	Pte. A. Cherryman,	wounded		Pte. Blain, servant
3104	and returned.	wounded		Pte. Senmens, officers' mess
10075	Pte. J. Scrace			LcCpl. Whiffen, orderly room
7430	Pte. H. Manning		8273	Pte. Sales
6685	Pte. A. Jones		7963	Pte. Clift.
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Joined before Neuve Chapelle and still with Battalion.
                                                                                                          10191 Pte. Fisher
9900 Pte. W. Hodson, signaller
7400 Pte. W. Druir
8296 Corpl. W. Hampton
5510 Lc.-Sergt. T. Myner
7866 Lc.-Corpl. A. Way
8383 Lc.-Corpl. J. Hulton
6907 Pte. A. Currant
                    Pte. Baker
Pte. Hutchings
Pte. Elliott
Pte. Fowle, signaller
Lc.-Corpl. Taylor
    5418
 10082
    7898 Pte. Peirce
9994 Pte. Noakes
7158 Pte. Mongton
 N.C.O.'s and Men who came out with Battalion, inc
etc., and are still with the Battalion.
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                                                                                                               7725 Pte. G. Hatch
                       COMPANY
   5872 C.S.M. W. Hannan
9401 C.M.S. W. Marslin
9919 Sergt. G. Botting
7261 Sergt. D. Wright
8759 Sergt. A. Robinson, signaller
4588 Sergt. B. Mastin, transport
                                                                                                                8732 Pte. E. Sarle, groom
                                                                                                                8319
                                                                                                                              Pte. S. Jenner, groom
Pte. E. Sleigh, groom
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Pte. R. Belcher
                    Sergt. G. Norman
Corpl. A. Turner
Corpl. A. Bagwell, officers'
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Pte. C. Cutter, transport
Pte. F. Probbits
Pte. C. Webster, transport
Pte. P. Barker
Pte. F. Morris
Pte. J. Blair
Pte. H. Everitt
Pte. H. Collett transport
    8665
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10033
               Corpl. A. Bagwell, officers'
mess
Corpl. W. Turner
Corpl. W. Shrosbie
Corpl. H. Taylor, transport
Lc.-Corpl. F. Crewe
Lc.-Corpl. T. Wren
Lc.-Corpl. R. Sweet, cook
Pte. S. Graham
Pte. G. Burford
Pte. A. Hussey
Pte. E. Allison
Pte. N. Groombridge
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    7723
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                                                                                                                           Pte. H. Everitt
Pte. H. Collett. transport
Pte. H. Stratford
Pte. L. Botten
Lc.-Corpl. Potter, wounded
and returned, signaller
Pte. Dyke
Pte. Brown, scout.
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   6608
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   7316
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Joined since first reinforcements in Action at Neuve Chappelle and still with Battalion.
                                                                                                              5188 Lc.-Corpl. H. Barnett
5167 Lc.-Corpl. R. Wyatt
5668 Lc.-Corpl. W. Scarborough
5793 Lc.-Corpl. T. Cook
  4587 Sergt. W. Coombe
5232 Corpl. G. Leany
6269 Lc.-Corpl. S. Knight
7321 Lc.-Corpl. E. Cheeseman
N.C.O.'s and Men who came out with the Battalion, including first rein-
                                  forcements and are still with the Battalion.
                                                                                                              6712 Pte. E. S. Clark
7871 Pte. A. Wood
      "C" COMPANY.
   5649 C.Q.M.S. E. Seal
                                                                                                              9711 Drummer H. Post
   6694 C.S.M. M. Stroud
                                                                                                              10084 Pte. W. Butt
7435 Pte. H. Herbert, sick and
                   Acting Sergt. W. Fisher
Acting Sergt. W. Carpenter
                                                                                                            10084
   9041
 10216
                Acting Sergt, W. Carpenter
Acting Sergt, R. Verrall
Lc.-Sergt, Rabbits
Corpl, G. Stedman
Acting Corpl, A. Wren
Acting Corpl, H. Kimber
Lc.-Corpl, H. Craycroft
Lc.-Corpl, F. Healey
Pte, A. Harding
Pte, W. Smith
Pte, F. Winter
Pte, F. Lindsay
Pte, W. Bennett, wounded and
returned
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Pte. R. Feast, sick and
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   7910
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   9400
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   8392 Pte.
                  returned
Pte. E. Townsend
Pte. F. Williams
Pte. G. Vaughan, transport
Pte. G. Weston, transport
Pte. H. Martin
Pte. J. Smith
Pte. F. Collins, wounded and
                           returned
                                                                                                               9229 Sergt. Seale
8162 Lc.-Corpl. Tapsell, stretcher
bearer
 10115
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Pte. A. Jenkins, groom
Pte. F. Hull, servant
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Pte. A. Burchell, transport
Pte. J. Hill, pioneer
Pte. G. Tweedale, in trenches,
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Pte. H. Manning
Lc.-Corpl. A. A. Whitehorn
Lc.-Corpl. F. Hanmore
Pte. Moseley
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Pte. P. Dempster
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Pte. A. Fry
Lc.-Corpl. W. Sibbald
Pte. T. Driver
Pte. E. Cooper
Pte. J. Kemp
Pte. W. Widdocks
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Nominal Rolls of Ex-N.C.O.'S who have voluntary Re-Enlisted since the date of Mobilization.

The Rolls include the names of 134 Ex-N.C.O.'S of the Line Battalions of The Queen's Own, whilst 16 others have rejoined, who previously served in the Reserve and Volunteer Battalions.

ROLL OF EX-N.C. OFFICERS who have rejoined the Royal West Kent Regiment, and are at present serving at the Depot:

		Former Corps.
993	Acting SergtMajor M. Audsley	
799	QrMr. Sergt. J. McGee	R.W. Kent Regiment
961	QrMr. Sergt. P. Giovanni	Dorset Regiment
1089		R.W. Kent Regiment
1144	QrMr. Sergt. J. Morrison	R.W. Kent Regiment
889		R.W. Kent Regiment
930	ColSergt. J. Hyde	R.W. Kent Regiment
960	ColSergt. H, Jury	R.W. Kent Regiment
966	ColSergt, S. Drew	R.W. Kent Regiment
1046		R.W. Kent Regiment
1057	ColSergt. W. Wimhurst	R.W. Kent Regiment
1058		West Riding Regiment
1154	ColSergt. W. E. Bass	R W Kent Regiment
4302		R.W. Kent Regiment
4303		Highland Light Infantry
4393	ColSergt, J. Cummings	Border Regiment
613	Orderly Room Sergt, H. J. Bass	R.W. Kent Regiment
660	Sergt, E. Harper	R.W. Kent Regiment
839	Sergt. A. Klein	R.W. Kent Regiment
904	Sergt. H. Thomas	R.W. Kent Regiment
935	Sergt. J. Smith	R.W. Kent Regiment
949	Sergt. W. Pepper	R.W. Kent Regiment
1033	Sergt. W. Bailey	R.W. Kent Regiment
1202	Sergt. H. Moore	R.W. Kent Regiment
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Sergeant-Major Audsley has been made a Warrant Officer and Orderly-Room Sergeant Bass Quartermaster-Sergeant since mobilization.

3rd BATTALION, ROYAL WEST KENT RRGIMENT.

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Paid own fare from Canada and enlisted at Liverpool for R.W.K.R. on reading Gen. Sir Smith Dorrien's speech to 1st Batt. Has since proceeded to join 1st Batt. in France on 7th Dec. 1914.

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The Diary of Captain W. V. Palmer.

OCTOBER 2nd.

At 1.30 a.m. Lancashire Fusiliers arrived and took over our trenches, and we started to march like mad to get out of sight of enemy's guns and aeroplanes before daylight.

Marched about twelve miles to Couvrelles and got there

just after dawn, but in a log.

Had a good breakfast in billets and slept from 8.30 a.m. till 1.30 p.m., and after light lunch did some work, and then at 4 p.m. were ordered to reconnoitre road for night march to Maast. Rather a jar, as I had ordered a roast chicken at 5 p.m.

However, went off on a bicycle and got back after a ten-mile ride at 6.15 p.m. and finished meal just in

time for parade.

Arrived at Maast about 9.15 and had light meal. The men were billeted in an enormous pitch-dark cave, and officers all in queer house. Three houses with only one entrance. Had a very good sleep on a mattress, shared by three officers, till 6.30 a.m.

OCTOBER 3rd.

Had good breakfast of cooked bacon for a change. Spent morning checking equipment, and having men's hair and beards removed. After lunch I took over the machine gun section, and now have a horse to ride; but it is a peculiar horse and always bucks when I get on it.

Told to march at 6 p.m. Marched to Hartennes and went into billets, where I again had a grand sleep on a

mattress.

OCTOBER 4th.

Spent day at Hartennes in peace.

Marched at 7 p.m. for Largny, seventeen miles. Beastly march, as we were stopped for a long time by a French force passing in motor lorries. Arrived about 5 a.m.

OCTOBER 5th.

Went into billets. Lieut. Newton, the Medical Officer, and myself stayed in a grocer's shop, where we had a good breakfast and good sleep. The Rev. Goudge had lunch and supper with us, both meals being splendidly cooked by Private Letton, Lieut. Newton's servant.

Told we were staying night here, so had good night's

OCTOBER 6th.

Spent peaceful morning, and marched at 5 p.m. for Bethancourt, about eight miles, and billeted there. The Headquarters Officers being very comfortable in a public

Roused early and told to march for Pont St. Maxence, and to entrain there.

OCTOBER 7th.

I was sent on ahead of the Battalion and arrived at the station at 4 p.m., and found that only half the Battalion could go in the first train, which would leave at 8 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

I was told off to mark off the train and entrain the horses and waggons with Lieutenant Newton.

First train left at 8 p.m., and I was then able to have a scratch meal at an inn, and afterwards waited in the station until 12.50 to mark off second train and entrain twenty-four more horses and twelve waggons. A bitterly cold night.

OCTOBER 8th.

Second train left at 4.40 a.m., and we were all nearly frozen. We stopped at Amiens and were able to buy some provisions.

Detrained at Abbeville at 3.15 p.m.

Reached remainder of Battalion in their billets at 5.30 p.m., and told to march again at 6 p.m. another ten miles to Gueschart.

Very cold march and very tiring, but found very good billets, and had good sleep.

OCTOBER 9th.

Told we might march at 2 p.m., but this was cancelled and later we were told to march at 11.30 p.m. ten miles to Haravennes, where at 4 a.m. we were to board motor lorries and go another fifteen miles to billets at Vaulbon. Our transport was to start at 8 p.m. and to do the twenty-five miles in one march.

OCTOBER 10th.

Our motors did not arrive at proper time, and we sat

all day waiting for them till about 9 p.m.

I went with first lorries of "A" Company, and the French officer in charge completely lost himself, and took us miles too far, then turned back and got lost again, and we eventually got to our billets at 5.30 a.m.

Told to march again at 9 a.m. We are now in the North of France, and on the left of the French line.

To-day the Brigade is in reserve to the Army Corps, and we are advancing against the 14th German corps reported to be on the French left flank. reached Fouquieres we were ordered to take up a position, but later went into billets at Vaudricourt, where I had a room to myself and had a good sleep.

OCTOBER 12th.

Marched at 9 a.m. to Beuvry and there took up a line on the left of the French. Ordered to attack German position at 3 p.m. Directly advance began we were heavily enfiladed from the village of Vermelles, and no progress was possible.

Lieut. Moulton-Barrett was slightly wounded in the head, but remained with the Battalion; there were about

thirty casualities.

OCTOBER 13th.

At 5 a.m. the machine guns were moved back so as to try and take up a better position.

After much searching, I decided to go to a position

on the left of the Battalion trenches.

Unfortunately, while carrying the guns up to this position, the Germans spotted us, for directly we started entrenching they shelled us with shrapnel, Manning, Private Cooper and myself took refuge in a trench close by but as the trench was a shallow one, and the shells were bursting very close to us, we bolted for a small house just behind us.

Here we found the remainder of the machine gun section, and Private Cooper was unfortunately hit in the eye just as he was going inside. The Germans now appeared to be trying to drop a high explosive shell on the house, and as one shell would have blown the whole place to bits, we withdrew to a tunnel passage under a railway enbankment. On our right the French endeavoured to attack Vermelles, but could make no progress. After dark our left Company "A" moved forward a little, and I took the machine guns forward and occupied a trench near "A" Company. In the dark it did not look too bad a position, and we should enfilade any German advance. Colonel Martyn ito-day took command of the Brigade, as the General has had to go home ill.

OCTOBER 14th.

At 4 a.m. we finished entrenching the guns, and as soon as it was light I discovered that our trench was not at all a good position, for it was not only open to the enemy's fire from the left, but also from behind. However, by erecting screens and traverses, we made it fairly good. Very quiet all day until about 4 p.m., when the French, who had been reinforced, began to attack Vermelles.

We were to support this attack with our fire, and the machine guns were laid on two different portions of German trenches. At about 5.30 p.m. the first French lines appeared and we opened fire, but were not able to fire long, as the French passed through us. At 7 p.m. a French Battalion came to relieve us, and I had some difficulty in explaining to the French machine gun officer that our position was not an ideal one. When he did understand me, he decided to go further back. We then withdrew, and marched about six miles to billets at Quesnoy, where we arrived at 10.45 p.m. We retired to rest in very comfortable beds, hoping for a good night's rest, but were turned out at 3 a.m.

OCTOBER 15th.

Ordered to move to Le Couret and there be in reserve

with the K.O.Y.L.I. to the 14th Brigade.

We moved into a big farm, but were shortly afterwards moved into another one, where I managed to get a good clean-up and shave, and to change into new garments received from home.

Remained at farm all day, and had a good night's

rest until 6.30 a.m.

OCTOBER 16th.

Moved about 8.45 a.m. towards village of Le Couret, but then returned to farm. At 2.30 p.m. we marched to Richebourg St. Vaast to be in reserve to the 3rd Division and went into very good billet at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 17th.

Left in peace until 1 p.m., when just as we were going to start a particularly good lunch, we got orders to move to Neuve Chapelle. Marched at 1.50 p.m. and got into very poor billets at 7.30 p.m., after a long wait on the road. Signs of German trenches and fighting all along the road.

Got orders at 8.30 p.m. to march early in the morning to relieve the 3rd Worcesters in firing line and to attack

the village of Illies.

OCTOBER 18th.

Had few hours sleep and at 2.30 a.m. marched to Le Hue, took over Worcester's trenches. Ordered to attack Illies, but as the village was very strongly held, and we

were unsupported on our left, could make no progress. While out before dawn with a patrol Lieutenant Kerr was wounded.

During the afternoon the machine gun section moved forward and got into a house about 200 yards in front of our trenches, from where we could enfilade the German trenches and support our attack, which was to start at dusk. As soon as it began to get dark the Germans got alarmed and blazed away at our trenches, also throwing up star shells and setting fire to haystacks close to their positions. This enabled us to see their trenches, and we kept up a steady fire from loopholes on the first floor of the house.

Our attack could not develope, and at 7.30 p.m. I got orders to withdraw from the house as we were rather too far ahead of our Companies' trenches to be safe. The German guns had found our position soon after the first machine gun opened fire, but they only used shrapnel, and a few bullets only came through the roof. Spent night in farmhouse occupied by Battalion Headquarters.

OCTOBER 19th.

During morning took up position in roof of Headquarters farmhouse, but soon told to clear out, as it was thought I might draw enemy's fire there, and there were a lot of wounded men in farm. No progress could be made all day, as village was very strongly held. Our gunners spent all day shelling it. At 8 p.m. the machine gun section was sent back to a farm where the Battalion transport was, and I was ordered to meet Worcesters at 3 a.m. and lead them back to our trenches.

OCTOBER 20th.

At 2.30 a.m. met Worcesters and led them to Battalion. We then withdrew and went back to billets near Bois de Biez about 4.30 a.m. We hoped we would now go back to our Brigade, but directly after lunch we got orders to again advance as reserve, as the Germans were heavily attacking the South Lancashire Regiment at Lorgies. Battalion advanced to line of trenches in rear of South Lancashires and remained there till dark.

The machine gun section was then sent back to the Battalion transport, where at 10 p.m. I prepared for some sleep, but was turned out at 12 a.m. and told to join Battalion again. I was then sent up to the South Lancashires to find a position for the machine guns, but found the guns of the South Lancashires and D.C.L.I. were already in this position, and did not require our guns. The Battalion moved forward a little about 4 a.m., but two Companies soon had to be sent forward to reinforce the South Lancashires, who had been heavily attacked.

Both the South Lancashires and the D.C.L.I. had lost a machine gun as a result of heavy German artillery fire.

Lorgies heavily shelled and Germans gained some ground. At dusk remaining two Companies advanced to firing line, and a fresh position was selected.

Officers had their evening meal in a farmhouse, which was practically burnt out, but still blazing. Battalion took up new line, and I put machine guns in the left of line in "C" Company's trenches.

Had to sight trenches in the dark, and found in morn-

ing very poor field of fire.

OCTOBER 22nd.

Quite quiet, and no dawn attack on our part of line. Nothing doing all day; heavy shelling, but nothing near us. Had to set fire to a small cottage about 100 yards

to my front to prevent enemy collecting in it. Captain Grant wounded in leg by snipers. After dark moved guns into better part of "C" Company's trenches, and then told to go and get some food from the mess cart, but not told where to find it. Went to Lorgies, but as it was practically all blazing, came back and after two shells had burst almost in my face, gave it up and went back to the trench. An advance patrol reported Germans trying to collect near burnt cottage, so we laid both guns on it.

Patrol caught a German crawling with a bundle of straw, and fired so close to him that the straw caught fire. Expected attack any moment, but none came. At about 12 midnight told to withdraw, as we were being relieved, but soon found it was only to take up a new position considerably thrown back. No sleep or food

to-night.

OCTOBER 23rd.

Reached what was supposed to be a prepared position about 4 a.m., and found one good piece of trench, the rest being very poor and only half finished.

Put the machine gun on the left of Battalion trenches with 'A' Company, and had opposite us a village with a road running from it towards us about 350 yards away.

Cottages this side of the village were burnt to prevent Germans getting snipers into them. We could hear Germans firing at old position, but houses behind us were very soon shelled and set on fire. Three German aeroplanes passed over us early. Germans started arriving in village in front of us about 2.30 p.m., and we opened fire wherever we saw them. Machine guns soon attracted attention, and guns and sandbags were freguently hit, and showers of mud were thrown over us. Very unpleasant looking over top of parapet, as several bullets passed remarkably close to my head, and one scorched the top of Private Nelson's hat while he was working a gun. Enemy's fire ceased at about 5 p.m., and after dark they brought up three searchlights and played them all over us.

From noises Germans were apparently digging and loopholing walls of cottages. No disturbance in front of us at night, but heavy firing on left and on right, "B" Company in the morning found they had killed twelve Germans, who were digging close in front of them.

OCTOBER 24th.

No attack at dawn, and no firing at all till about 2 p.m., when German heavy guns gave us a heavy bombardment.

My diary from this date until the 28th, the day on which I was wounded, has already been published in the narrative in the "Queen's Own Gazette" for December.

OCTOBER 28th.

3 cm. I was hit by a rifle bullet in the left leg, the bone being broken. At 9 p.m. I was picked up by a patrol from "C" Company, and carried back to the dressing station, on a door. There I was put into an ambulance waggon, which was just leaving, and after a two-mile ride, was taken into another dressing station, where my wound was first dressed. Then a ride in a motor ambulance of eight miles brought us to Bethune, where we arrived about midnight.

OCTOBER 29th.

About 4 p.m. we were put on an ambulance train for Boulogne, where we arrived next morning.

OCTOBER 30th.

On arriving at Boulogne we were put on board a boat, and in the afternoon sailed for Southampton.

OCTOBER 31st.

Reached Southampton Docks about mid-day, and London about 4.30 p.m.

IN THE TRENCHES.

The following graphic account of a first experience in the trenches is from an officer of the Regiment, who has been on staff employ since the beginning of the war, and has only lately rejoined the 1st Battalion. We tender him our best thanks, and hope he will continue to supply us with many more such articles.

I joined the Battalion the evening before we marched up to the fighting area. There were only four among the officers whom I had known in the past. Our march was something like eleven miles, and we did it all together as a Battalion. The sound of the guns, audible when we started, grew gradually louder and louder, and brought home to one that this is "the real thing." That night we were billeted in a village. Next day we marched in the evening to take our place as reserve Battalion. The approach march in the twilight was quite interesting. As the light waned, the sound of the guns ceased, but one soon began to hear the crack of rifles. Companies were presently separated, each proceeding to its station for the night. After downing tools, my own Company was led by a guide from another Regiment, in pitch darkness and in single file, across some appallingly muddy fields to some buildings. During this advance I first heard the whiz of a close bullet. The guide ducked badly and I didn't! I was rather inclined to congratulate myself and bucked about it. But I was told it was merely lack of experience and that I should duck all right presently; and I may say that since then I have ducked several times! Well, my Company dossed down in some barns, great care being taken that no glimmer of light should give the show away. As soon as the moon was up we had them out by reliefs to make or improve dug-outs, to accommodate us if the Germans took it into their heads to shell our barns next day. Before it was light, I had two platoons snugly occupying these dugouts, while the other two could very quickly have got into similar ones in case of need. As our great care by night was to show no light, so now it was to show no smoke. It passed peacefully. Heaps of shelling there was and lots of stray bullets "whacking" past, but the nearest shells to us must have fallen 400 yards away. They made a nasty black smoke, and the men called them "Jack Johnsons," but I think they were only so by courtesy. Not big enough for the real thing.

That evening my Company proceeded as soon as it was properly dark to the trenches proper. It is a most difficult business getting a whole Company in single file across country in the pitch dark and I personally fell down several times, and got into a state of simmering exasperation long before we reached our trenches. However, it was successfully accomplished at last and I found myself with 70 men in the fire trench with the rest of my Company in support trenches in the rear. Mine was a good and a safe trench provided no shells came along, and reasonably dry. Just in the rear of it the mud was awful and one slithered into shell holes, or stumbled over inequalities, with the result that one went on to hands and knees into the most filthy, sticky, light coloured mud I have ever seen. Bullets came past constantly. The Germans every now and then fired a flare out of a pistol, which lighted things up fairly brilliantly. The game then is to stand stock still when outside the trench in the hopes that they won't spot you. I got my first go of the "ducks" that night. We were soon employed improving our defences, thickening parapet, making terraces, loopholing and extending the trench. We kept it up in reliefs all night, the Germans 200 yards away doing the same; each side chucking occasional flares and a constant

succession of bullets at the other. By the first glimmering of the dawn we were all close under cover of the parapet. The rifle fire changed from "chance it" shots to carefully aimed ones. There was one particular sniper away some. where to our left who made a dead set at the parapet just over my head. Luckily, he couldn't do us any harm, as our traverse was good and high, but he was exceptionally annoying, and we couldn't spot exactly where he was. There were lots of aeroplanes up during the course of the day, both ours and Germans, and it was interesting to watch shells from anti-aircraft guns bursting round them. I don't think I saw one hit, though I saw some close shaves. About noon the Germans started shelling my trench. They were firing something beastly that burst on impact out of field guns, I think. Not one actually hit the fire trench, most going just over the top. One burst on the parapet of my support trench, luckily without doing any narm. One hears the vile things coming, bad luck to it, and it is very dangerous to the mouthpiece of one's pipe listening to the whiz and waiting for the bang.

The succeeding night and day passed off in just the same way. One poor chap got a bullet through the head in the early hours. Otherwise we left our trench after the 48 hours with no loss. I hope we did the Germans more harm than they did us.

The next three days that we were in the firing line my Company was in reserve, and, as we were not shelled, it was not very exciting. That closed, for me, a very easy breaking-in to the modern way of making war.

2ND BATTALION.

We are informed on the best authority that the 2nd Battalion have proceeded from India to the Persian Gulf. We wish them the very best of luck, and much glory.

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FIELD MARSHAL SIR J. D. P. FRENCH AND THE 1st BATTALION.

The Commander in Chief, accompanied by Sir H. Smith-Dorren, inspected the Battalion at Dramoutre, about 8 miles from Ypres, on December 21st, 1914, and was received by a general salute. He then addressed the Battalion as follows:—

"Major Robinson, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. I have received the most gratifying reports of you from the Army Corps Commander and the Divisional and Brigadier Commanders. Sir Horace Smith-Dorren has already expressed his appreciation of your admirable work, and I myself have wished to do the same before this, but up to now I have not had the opportunity; the reason you will well understand, as this is your first rest. Wherever there has been fighting you have been in the thick of it, and whenever you have fought you have fought splendidly."

Sir John French then made some general remarks

on the situation, and concluded by saying :

"No regiment has won for itself a more enviable reputation than you have. Deeply do I deplore your losses, your heavy losses of splendid officers and gallant non-commissioned officers and men, but I know the spirit of the Regiment is not impaired, and that whatever you are called upon to do in the future you will accomplish in the same unflinching manner as you have done in the past."

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1st BATTALION.

We are enabled to publish the following through the courtesy of the Editor of the "Star.'

REFLECTIONS OF A PRIVATE.

PEASANT WOMEN BRING MILK TO TROOPS IN TRENCHES.

BY PRIVATE H. R. CLIFF, REGIMENTAL CYCLE ORDERLY OF THE ROYAL WEST KENTS.

If 2,000,000 Englishmen (fully trained) marched into Belgium tomorrow there would not be a German left in a fortnight. Nothing is more exasperating to a man (who has been suffering for months that which no man has suffered before in the world's history) than to be for ever reading of appeals to men to join the Army.

The Advance Guard have done their work well. The way is well cleared for the first line of skirmishes. And then, when the Army arrives somewhere in July, God help the "Allemand."

woman rather badly. She was taken away in an ambulance at night. They even want to go right through both firing lines at times. Of course, they are not allowed to, and sometimes get highly indignant when they are turned back.

THE RETURN VISIT.

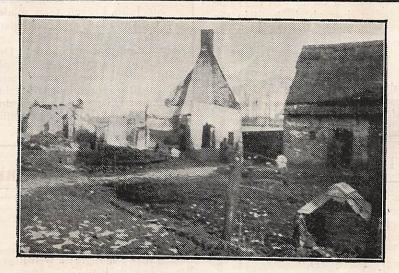
I can only tell you that which is already stale to you. We have gained an appreciable amount of ground, every yard is sternly contested, so when you read of the So-an-sos rushing a trench or a farm and gaining 100 yards, don't think it is hardly worth reporting. One thousand seven hundred and sixty yards make a mile, and less than 50 miles and we shall be playing away. May the day come quick?

I had such a pleasant surprise the other day. But first let me digress

On November 21 I inquired for Percy at a siege battery, which was anchored alongside the road just here. I was told he was on the ammunition column a few miles away.

WANTED A HAND AT KITTY.

So I sat by the fire, for it was a bitter morning, and wrote him a letter, telling him I had inquired for him, and that I had just left a place where I had a very narrow escape indeed, and that if he received my letter, would he drop me a line. I also asked him to hurry up and silence a few of the enemy's J. Johnsons, as they were shattering all our nerves. He wrote me a very nice, cheering letter, telling me he was



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." Ruins of the Headquarters of the Regiment after a fire resulting from the explosion of German shells. Photographs taken by an Officer.

MILK IN THE TRENCHES.

You have seen photos in the papers of girls and women bringing milk, etc., to men in the trenches. That's quite true. We have just left a position, and at seven o'clock each morning when I cycled up to our dugout I used to see an old French woman with two large pails of milk serving the soldiers who were entrenched there. And any moment a "Jack Johnson" might have dropped and sent her to glory.

The peasants here still continue to work in the fields within the lines of guns. While on my way to Headquarters yesterday I had occasion to go along a road which runs parallel to the firing line 800 yards away. A few bullets whistled merrily ovor my head, but still this did not stop a man and two boys from coming along the road with a barrowload of turning. turnips. And 300 yards from my dug-out is a farm building in a field.

CONTEMPT FOR THE GERMAN SHELLS.

Shell holes are all around it, and it is half blown away, but an old lady still stops there and gives milk to the "Anglais solda" if they care to go for it. There is something pathetic in all this, and yet one feels not a little proud to think that the women of our Allies are so contemptuous of the German shells as to stop in their homes while the bombardment goes on.

Of course, sometimes they pay for their temerity with death or injury, but that they seem to risk. Only three days ago a shell dropped plumb into the centre of a house, killing some artillerymen and wounding the

resting at Hazebrouck, and that he was looking forward to us all meeting again in the old kitchen having a hand of Kitty. I have answered the letter.

Now please let me tell you that I have been a private for months, I am attached to the Brigade Headquarters as Regimental Cycle Orderly. What an imposing title, and capital letters, too!

A HARD DAY'S WORK.

It gives me much more chance of seeing the country, and altogether it is a desirable billet. There is plenty of work at times, at others I have nothing to do all day, a case of taking the rough with the smooth. Just one instance on both sides. One morning last week up at 4.30. Away to the dug-out. Eight or nine messages to the regiment, nearly a mile away. Back to - at 5.30.

More messages up to 10.30, when I turned in. Twelve midnight: Up and away to the regiment, five miles over a cobbly, muddy road, no lights, only the enemy's star shells and search lights, and back again at 2.30 a.m. Up again at 4,30, and off we go again. And raining all the time.

A QUIET SUNDAY.

On the other hand, to-day, Sunday, 19th, I have made one journey of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles each way, and one of 600 yards, and that's all. I am writing this in the landlady's kitchen which I believe G. told you about.

I commenced at 8 p.m., and at 10.30 I am still at it. She (the lady)

has long since retired to roost, for she gets up at four to make the tea for

the English soldiers who have to go to the trenches. A labour of love on her part which is fully appreciated by us, although we cannot express as fully as we should like to our thanks. She probably has a husband or a brother at the front, as there are no men folk here, and I expect she does this for us hoping that someone else is doing the same for the one she may be interested in. I can just picture dear mother, in her place.

WAKING UP THE NUTS.

Out here, I may say, the troops are almost glad it has happened. You will express surprise at this, perhaps horror; but I will repeat what I heard a chap say to his chum only to-night. He was reading of the shelling, and after he had finished he turned to his friend and said, "Umph! So they have sent a few into Scarborough, have they? And a



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." A "Jack Johnson" bursting in the distance. The thrown up as high as the Church Steeple. The earth was Photographs taken by an Officer.

THE "CUT AND RUN" RAIDERS.

But I don't think she will ever have occasion to get up at four in the morning to make tea for soldiers who are going to the trenches to repeal invaders. They may bombard the coast "till further orders," but they are afraid to stay for long. I think our Navy have done excellent work of late. One can hardly expect to keep such a shrewd look-out as to prevent a few straggling ships of the enemy from sneaking in, hitting out and funning away again.

blooming good job too I say! It might make them realise what war is and perhaps some of the spare 'nuts' will join the Army."

THE BACK DOOR OF GERMANY.

He embellishes all this with a few choice words which are the

monopoly of Billingsgate. At any rate, he caused me to think; and although I regret the loss of life, etc., I came to the conclusion that (if the people don't get frightened) the Kaiser, by allowing his ships to shell the coast, has done a signal service to the land we love.



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." The street in which the "Jack Johnson" referred to actually fell. The scene is a typical one.

Photographs taken by an Officer.

One man can bombard a barrack full of soldiers for a period, but he would have to decamp before any of the occupants could get at him. Is this logic to you?

And besides they had to do something to "soft-soap" the people of the "Vaterland." After capturing Paris, London, Calais, etc., etc., they wanted to add a grain of truth to their fictitious tales of victories won, so they bombarded Scarborough, Whitby, and Hartlepool.

Independent of the increased number of enlistments which is bound to accrue, the sympathies of all neutral countries, and more especially America and Italy, will be on our side. And sympathy of nations is not to be despised. "Ask the Kaiser."

On the subject of nations, there is one little nation which can do more

to end the war than most people think. I mean Holland—" the back-door of Germany," they call it.

NOTES.

The 6th Batt. have moved from Hythe to Aldershot, proceeding by march route, drawing rations and billets without subsistence. Major Venables is succeeding to the command of the Battalion, vice Colonel Even, C.B., who retires owing to ill-health.

Second Lieut. H. Bracker has been appointed Adjutant and Temporary Lieutenant in the 20th Batt., The King's Liverpool Regiment.

Brigadier-General F. G. Wintour, C.B., has been appointed to the command of the 84th Brigade in the 25th Division.

Capt. R. J. T. Hildyard has been appointed General Statt Officer, 2nd Grade, to the 13th Division.

Capt. F. B. Fanshawe, late of the 2nd Battalion has been appointed Temporary Major in the 9th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regt.

Colonel G. W. Maunsell has been given command of a General Base Depot, "Somewhere in France."

Lieut.-General E. A. Alderson, C.B., Commanding Canadian Contingent paid a visit to the 1st Batt. on Feb. 14.



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette.
Building damaged by a German shell while actually occupied
by men of the Regiment. No one was hurt by the explosion.

Photographs taken by an Officer.

The undermentioned N.C.O. to be Second Lieutenant in the Regiment for service in the field:

First Class Air Mechanic A. F. Quinlan from the Royal

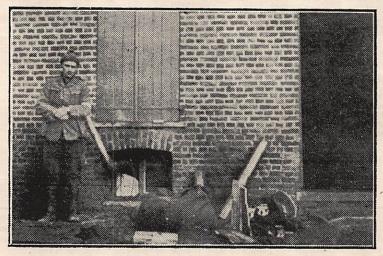
Flying Corps.

Sergt.-Major C. W. Harrison, 2nd Battalion, has been promoted to Second Lieutenant in the Royal Sussex Regt. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, but deeply regret his leaving the old Regiment.

Major T. R. C. Price, 11th K.E.O. Lancers, Indian Army, late of the Regiment, has been appointed a General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade.

Major and Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel H. Isacke has been appointed General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, to the 14th Division.

Major F. J. Joslin, 2nd Batt., has joined the 1st Batt. from Base Commandant, Indian Expeditionary Force A.



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette."
The Medical Officer of the Regiment by his cellar awaiting the arrival of patients.

Photographs taken by an Officer.

News from the Battalions.

2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

GALLOPING G.

Here we are again, Mr. Editor, not at the front yet, war of course I mean, always at the front otherwise. The Company with the clock could not possibly be elsewhere. Having a few moments to spare, I will in as few words as possible tell you about ourselves. First of all "hats off" to Mr. Searight, for on promotion to Captain returning to the Company, and to Lieut, Howell for remaining on promotion in the Company. the Company.

The Company are very much indebted to Captain Searight for the series of valuable lectures he is giving on the war, by which although we are not yet at the Front he is able to keep us in touch with the actual state of affairs, almost as accurately as if we were there

We have had the misfortune to lose our Colour Sergeant on promotion to (O.R.) Q.M.S. (Colour Sergeant Walker). To replace this great loss we have Colour Sergeant Raythorne on promotion. He has been received with open arms, and found to be a splendid addition by all ranks. May success be his is G Company's wish.

Our work of late has been very interesting, Field Days, Entrenching (Latest Pattern) has been the order of the day. Everyone joins ir, and in working hard the work becomes so much easier and is thoroughly enjoyed.

Everybody deeply regrets the loss of their comrades of the 1st Battalion who have fallen for their country in France, many of whom served several years in G Company, and amongst them is some of our best remembered sportsmen.

We have also to regret the death of our late comrade Pte. Morris, who died whilst employed on telegraphy on the North West Frontier, and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

Below is G Company's Roll of Honour :-

WOUNDED. Pte. Viddler Pte. Waghorn Pte. Palmer Pte. Rogers Pte. Thomas Pte. Freeman Pte. Coggin Pte. Brown Pte. Ellis Pte. Cripps Pte. West Pte. Hornblow Pte. Ott Pte. Bennett

We all thirst for revenge of our comrades, but our hopes seem little up to date. What we will do on the road to Berlin is the general conversation, great amounts would be given for a certain old gentleman's moustache, being loaded up at some sausage shop on arrival, etc., etc., but still we track on, singing "Tipperary," but no hopes yet, but we will wait and see.

Below I have given a couple of yarns to finish my poor attempt as Company's correspondent.

Sentry: Halt? Who comes there?

Individual: Robert E. Lee. Sentry: Right O. Shuffle along.

At a certain lecture, a Platoon Commander ordered the Platoon Sergeant to take over the parade, and to give the men a few words of advice on health, or any subject he thought may be of use. Health became the subject, and the N.C.O. wishing to cut short his lecture as much as possible commenced as follows:

You all know that health in India is a thing to be studied day by day. One little thing that I have noticed which wisn to point out at this opportunity. Now every morning about "Reveille" (cries from the door of Char-Wallah—Tea Man—bring out the Platoon carrying basins). These basins I may point out having been left on your shelves or tables through the night causing them to become dirty, in them is poured tea from a tin can (none too clean). this you drink. The germs, dirt, etc., lay in your stomach, you attend parades, return to dinner, after to sleep, with the result that you wake up to find that you have contracted curvature of the spine (loud groans).

P.S.—At time of writing, orders have been joyfully received to mobilise. I can hear the cheers from our men and Company Q.M.S.'s are well at their posts.

3RD BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Now that the whole Battalion is together, the possibilities of training have enormously increased, and all the officers and men, who are next for the Front, are gathered together in one Company and are put through a course of training by their Company Commander, Captain Whitty.

There have been three outstanding items of interest since we last wrote, and we will endeavour to give some description of them. On Wednesday, February 17th, the Battalion Football team met the team of the 1st Sportsman's Battalion on the Gillingham Ground. Our opponents turned out with a very "hot" side as will be seen from the names of the clubs which are placed against the players in the list below. The weather was of the worst—a drizzling rain and the ground, to say the least of it, was "sloppy. For the first half we more than held our own, and the Sportsman's goal had several narrow escapes. Our goalkeeper of course, was nor altogether left idleground, to say the least of it, was "sloppy. For the first half we more than held our own, and the Sportsman's goal had several narrow escapes. Our goalkeeper, of course, was not altogether left idle, but the whole of our defence was particularly good. Soon after the second half commenced Sergeant Josling opened the scoring for us, and we all had visions of a great and unexpected victory. Then, alas, came a few minutes of disaster, and we quickly had three goals scored against us, chiefly due to Hendren, the Middlesx cricketer. This ended the scoring and we had to acknowledge defeat by three goals to one. Our visitors were afterwards entertained in the Sergeants' Mess. We were very glad to see again the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Sportsman's Battalion, known to us a short time ago as Colour-Sergeant Merrick.

The teams were as follows:—Third Battalion—Second Lieutenant Sewell; C.Q.M.S. Keeble and Sergt. Thompson; Corpl. Gregory, Bandsman Edwards and Corpl. Lord; Q.M.S. Kallend, Pte. James, Sergt. Josling, Pte. Bellingham and Corpl Rankin. Sportsman's Battalion—Kirton (Kent County); Rawlings (Dulwich Hamlet) and Bates (Yorks County); Lieutenant Hayes (Corinthians). Littlewort (Glossop) and Atkinson; Sandham (Surrey County), J. Hendren (Brentford), Owers (Bristol City), Clunas (Clyde), and E. H. Hendren (Brentford).

(Brentford)

Over £30 was taken at the match and this will be sent to one of the funds administered at the Depot. On February 19th the Battalion marched to Maidstone—a most On February 19th the Battalion marched to Maidstone—a most excellent idea to vary the monotony of an ordinary route march. We went via Boxley, where we were met by our Brigade Commander, Brigadier General F. D. Lumley, C.B., who accompanied the Battalion to the Barracks. Just before reaching Penenden Heath we were met by the Bugle Band of the Depot, who assisted our band to play us in. We arrived at the Barracks about 12.30 p.m., where, thanks to the two Quartermasters, admirable arrangements had been made for anners and refreshments for the men. We left again at 2 p.m., and the Depot Bugle Band once more helped us on our way. We returned by Blue Bell Hill. Our thanks are due to Colonel Maunsell and the Depot Staff for the cordial reception we received and the excellent arrangements that were made for our comfort.

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On March 1st a great Rugby Football Match took place between those officers who had been at Rugby and Marlborough, and those who had been at other schools. We had hoped to have a full and detailed report from the pen of the referee, but we understand that he has no knowledge of the rules of the game, and, although able to "bluff" on the field of play, firmly refused to commit himself on pape: I'he sides were: Rugby and Marlborough—Second Lieut. C. T. Bennett (Rugby): Second Lieutemant J. W. F. Rowe (Marlborough), Scond Lieutenant J. F. Henn (Marlborough), Second Lieutenants G. F. Burdett (Rugby) and H. U. S. Nisbet (Marlborough); Second Lieut. W. M. Dobie (Marlborough) and Lieut. M. H. Woods (Marlborough); Lieut. Colonel Sir A. Boscawen (Rugby), Second Lieuts. T. K. Wright (Marlborough), F. R. Wright (Marlborough), G. M. McClenaghan (Marlborough), K. Sheriff (Rugby), G. D. Borland (Marlborough), H. Latimer (Rugby) and A. G. Haworth (Rugby).

The Rest.—Second Lieut. J. Craston (Merchant Taylors); Second Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood (Tonbridge), Major C. D. Barrow (Eton), Second Lieut. F. T. Mansfield (Tonbridge), and Captain N. I. Whitty (Clifton); Lieut. M. Robertson (Tonbridge) and Second Lieut. R. M. Lees (Wellington); Captain E. G. Russell (America), Second Lieut. B. C. Job (Radley), Second Lieut. J. S. Wacher (King's School, Canterbury), Captain H. A. Waring (Eton), Second Lieuts. F. L. Bassett (Dulwich), J. H. Ashton (Lancing), F. L. Short (St. Paul's) and R. E. H. Healey (Uppingham).

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Force and E. G. Russell (transfer from King Edward's Horse).

The following Regular Officers have left to Join the Expeditionary
Force during February: Second Lieuts. L. H. Y. Pownall, E. W.

Sheppard and R. L. Travers.

Since writing the above, we hear that Second Lieut. J. H. Stokes, who has already been mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross, has been promoted to the rank of Captain on the recommendation of the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief Expedi tionary Force. Our heartiest congratulations to him.

4TH RESERVE BATTALION.

Training continued at Winkfield in accordance with the syllabus. Good ground was available in Windsor Park and the numerous roads Good ground was available in Windsor Park and the numerous roads in the district. Some members of the corps were for the first time billeted upon inhabitants, though the bulk were placed in large houses. The advantages of country life were not sufficiently appreciated after the delignts of towns, our references to the "absence of civilisation" not meeting with full approval.

Christmas was celebrated "under arms" for the first time for very many members of the corps. Christmas leave was not given in most cases until the middle of January.

All companies succeeded in arranging that the Christmas dinner should be in accordance with time-honoured tradition, many friends

should be in accordance with time-honoured tradition, many friends assisting with gifts. The hospitality offered to both officers and men by the inhabitants was throughout very generous.

The Y.M.C.A. built a hut which made an excellent recreation room, but was unfortunately not ready until a considerable time after

arrival. 011

About the middle of January orders were received for the Kent Erigade to move to the district of Chatham to take up certain guard duties. We accordingly left Winkfield on January 26th, and reached Chatham at noon that day, and went into billets at Gillingham. The corps was accordingly billeted with subsistance upon the inhabitants, and it is agreeable to record that they were sorry to lose us.

The day following our arrival at Chatham rifles were served out.
On January 29th we moved to Chattenden to a nosition adjoining the magazines. Our quarters are mostly in huts recently built and in some cases practically watertight. One hut is available as an officers' Lodge Hill House and the huts adjoining, about half a mile mess. from the rest of the battalion are occupied by one company, officers and men.

we are situated "a long way from anywhere." Interest is, however, afforded by our new duties. Roads and paths are defective and mud is plentiful. Most officers wear gum boots. Aeroplane guns are in the vicinity, but we have not yet seen any practice.

Under the four company system the battalion is constituted as follows: A Company, the two companies from Maidstone (formerly A and B Companies); B Company, the two companies from Tunbridge Wells (formerly D and E); C Company, the companies from Sevenoaks and Westerham (formerly G and H); D Company, the companies from Tonbridge and Orpington (formerly C and F Companies).

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The only daily amusement is afforded by an equitation class for the junior officers on the regimental pack ponies. Inspections and the junior officers on the regimental pack ponies. Inspections and reviews have been plentiful and have usually been held in falling rain; Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, the Inspector General of the Territorial Forces, inspected the battalion at Winkfield; the Home Counties Division (Reserve) was reviewed at Runnymede by Lord Kitchener and Mr. Millerand, the French Minister of War. General Mullaly, commanding the Thames and Medway Defences, inspected us soon after our arrival at Chattenden.

6TH BATTALION NEWS.

C COMPANY.

Events of some importance have taken place during the last month, among them being the transfer to the Third of the older N.C.O.'s. We wish them luck, and we shall always remember and always respect them, for the hard pioneer work that they have done with the Battalion.

During the past few weeks, we have been indulging in several route marches, doubtless for the purpose of fitting us for the big route march to Aldershot, to which we are all looking forward, with

route march to Aldershot, to which we are all looking forward, with a great deal of pleasure.

The Company has at last been rewarded for its long suffering and patience. We are enjoying a much-earned (we think) "week-end" in billets, which come as welcome reliefs to the "empty houses" of the past.

We are all anticipating a good time in Barracks at Aldershot, and we hope that it will not be long before we move across the Channel to take part in the greatest march of all—to Berlin!

B COMPANY.

When these notes are called for, we are usually on the eve of a move. It is so again. To-morrow, the 22nd February, we march to

Aldershot, and tne bustle of preparation drives away all the fine things we intended to say. It is hard to think in an empty room.

'there are two things we must say though. It is fine to hear the old 'uns sing, in deep chorus, with encore unlimited, "Old soldiers never die, tney simply fade away." We should like to know the origin of this stirring and comforting song, and particularly how the old 'uns achieve a premature immortality. We will hope that they will give away the secret in an expansive moment—not, on the square. old uns achieve a premature immortality. We will hope that they will give away the secret in an expansive moment—not on the square. The recruits, too, have a very topical song to suit any day of the week. Their poets cannot help the influence of early training coming out—they love to indulge in parodies of the hymns of their childhood. They are very frank in their confession—without having their tongues in their cheeks. We would not print the quotation unless we were sure it was innocent of treason, and quite harmless of intent. Here it is:

"We are but little candren weak,
We only get seven bob a week."

We only get seven bob a week; The more we do, the more we may,

It makes no difference to our pay. We have only time left to welcome Captain C. H. Towse, who has joined as Second Captain.

D COMPANY.

After a happy sojourn in Hythe, where we have been billeted since After a happy solourn in Hythe, where we have been billeted since December 21st last, we are moving away to Aldershot on February 22nd. The journey is to be made by road. The marches will not be long ones, and after the practice the battalion has had in the route marching of the last few weeks, the hills they will be called upon to negotiate will not present much difficulty. In fact most of D Company are looking forward to the march with feelings of pleasure, and the experience gained by it will be of great value, for it is to be carried out under active service conditions. Many of the men hall from districts through which our battalion will mass and doubtless from districts through which our battalion will pass, and doubtless they will get a rousing reception from former companions who have read of the glorious deeds of the First Battalion at the front. Bridge building, which the men found very interesting, has been carried out while we have been in Hythe.

In their spare time, and when the state of the weather permitted, the troops have navigated the "briny" in miniature Dreadnoghts at the reduced fee of 6d per hour, and it is pleasing to state that there

are no casualties to report.

Great regret is felt at the departure of our Colonel (Colonel Even, C.B.) to take an important position at the War Office, for he has been a most popular commander, during his stay with the battalion. Major E. F. Venables takes over the command.

Everyone was delighted to hear that Major Robinson, the former Commanding Officer, had received special mention for distinguished

Service at the Front.

The N.C.O.'s and men of the Company intended giving a Complimentary Concert to the Officers of the Company before leaving here, but difficulties of varied descriptions came in the way and pre-

vented the affair from being carried out.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in January, when the Company officers entertained the men to a "smoker" given in the Church Schools. There was no end of "good cheer," and the artistic performance of some of the men of the Company showed that they are proficient in other professions beside that of warfare. Several of the officers also contributed to a lengthy programme. Three rousing cheers were given for the Company officers at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

All ranks are now looking forward to the order for an early departure to the Front.

7TH SERVICE BATTALION.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Following the practice observed by the Senior Battalion, the Sergeants of the above dined with their platoons on Christmas Day, and waited until all had returned from leave for their own Christmas Dinner, which took place on Friday, the 29th ult.

The dinner was under the able management of a committee, consisting of C.S.M. Pearson, Sergeants Urquhart, Jackson, Morley and Hollands and judging by the way the good things provided disappeared, the caterers had done their part of the contract extremely

Following the dinner a smoking concert took place, to which were invited the Battalion Officers and members of the different sergeants' messes in the Brigade. The attendance was all that could be desired and the following programme carried out under the able chairman-ship of the Sergeant-Major was enthusiastically received by the audience; Sergt. Morley made an able accompanist. Song, "Queen of the Earth," Sergt. Cornwell; song, "Somewhere the voice is calling," Sergt. Cozens; recitation, Selected, Q.M.S. Perrie; song, "Rolling Home," Mr. Fred Compton; cornet solo. Selected, Sergt. Smith; song, "O poor Father and Mother," Sergt. Urquhart; song, "The Silent Song," Sergt. Summerfield, who had lost his voice; song. "Shift up a little bit further," C.S.M. Chiswell; rectation, "Ghunga Din," Captain Summers; violin solo, Selected, Sergt. Stanley; song. "Listen to me and I'll prove I'm right," Sergt. Urquhart; recitation, "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," Sergt. Cornwell; God save the King. God save the King.

During the evening an extremely interesting presentation took place of a silver gilt cup and the Iron Cross to Garrison Provest Sorgeont Spendlowe for his extraordinary prowess in the shooting line.

The Chairman and Committee was cheered to the last echo for the very pleasant evening one and all had enjoyed.

(Ekttalion training is now in full swing and the Company Q.M.S.'s have some thrilling tales to tell of their ammunition mules and 4ft. barbed wired fences jumped! ammunition gone to glory in ten feet dykes, etc., but all is in the day's work, and one and all end up with the thought that it brings us one day nearer to join our comrades in the firing line, and as the Germhun has it, we also drink to the toast-To the Day.

A COMPANY.

During the past month hard work has been the order of the day,

but none the less interesting for that.

A fortnight was spent in carrying out a scheme of entrenching. and the fellows entered thoroughly into the spirit of it and worked hard and long to make it a success. When complete it was quite the real thing, and besides the necessary firing and support trenches, contained dug outs for kitchens, resting places for wounded, sleeping quarters and the like. A rough but effective periscope forms a very useful adjunct to the dug outs.

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We also built a trestle bridge over a 15 feet stream; at least one platoon did, but they were careful to allow another platoon to have the honour of first marching over. Fortunately the odds and ends held well together, and it was voted a great success.

When the trenches had been completed by another company we practised relieving, once by day and once by night. The first was an illustration of how not to do things, the trenches in parts being like the first night at the Panto, except that in the latter everyone is suching for the caree cont.

making for the same spot.

The night reliefs, however, were carried out splendidly, and in twenty minutes from starting a new man was at every post, in spite of darkness, and the lack of noise was very creditable.

We are doing a lot of miniature range shooting in section com-

petitions, and that, with rapid firing practice, bayonet exercises, lectures, and drill, fill up the few days we spend in barracks.

We have started battalion training and find it much more interesting than company work, especially when in the firing line.

It usually makes a whole day of it, and the fellows are provided with blank ammunition and a tangible enemy in the shape of pole with blank ammunition. targets, manned by the sergeant-majors and their scouts. Umpires roam about unscathed and count out odd sections here and there just to show us what not to do, and a lot of valuable lessons have already been impressed on our memories.

We have lost with regret two of our officers—2nd Lieuts Longley and Lewin—though they still remain with the battalion. What is our

loss is another's gain.

We are all hoping that next month's issue will have news of a move, and that our notes will be written from another spot, perhaps beter and perhaps worse than Purfleet, but anywhere for a change.

B COMPANY.

Much to the disgust of all of us we are still at Purfleet, but now that we have commenced our battalion training, and are resplendent in our khaki, our drooping spirits have been turned into amazing keenness. It doesn't tax our imaginations half so much when we have another company advancing on either side of us, a few blanks in the place of the real thing machine gues, ammunition mules. in the place of the real thing, machine guns, ammunition mules, casualty screens, and various other paraphernalia, to saying nothing of the umpires dodging about which makes us all do our best.

Of course B Company want to be the best, and to show the rest of the battalion how it should be done, and seem to be, at least, according to our own opinion, on the high road to the realisation of

our hopes.

Since the last issue of the Gazette we have completed our course of firing, and according to all accounts we have more than satisfied our officers, which is very gratifying, as the weather at the time was anything but what we desired.

We are all very glad at the re-appearance of the band, which helps us so well over many a weary mile, and makes twenty miles seem

only ten.

The weather since Christmas has been better, but still the unending cabbage fields of the neighbourhood are very heavy and tiring for skirmishing over, the mud as deep as ever, but it takes more than that to upset us, since we came here for work, and not for a garden

C COMPANY.

C Company have just finished an energetic spell in the trenches at Ford Place and we are allowed by the Press Bureau to state in confidence that they are now quite impregnable and full of mud. In fact, it is rumoured, that an expeditionary force will scon be using almost similar trenches at the Front, if they are not already doing so.

Our orderly room dug out attracted great attention; principally, no doubt, because of its fine structural qualities, but the fact that lunch was served there may have had a little to do with this.

An advance has since been ordered and battalion training is the order of the day. In spite of many bilious looking casualty screens we have certainly been getting the better of the pole targets, as each day we have to March further to find them and their last defeat took place over eleven miles from camp.

The great event of the past month has been our transition from a The great event of the past month has been our transition from a "blue emergency" chrysalis to a "service dress" butterfly. We now have our complete service dress, suits, caps and overcoats, and, with our badges and titles, at last look like a battalion of the old Queen's Cwn. On February 23rd the new Y.M.C.A. was opened. It is the gift of the Cutlers' Company, and is most complete in its equipment. It is very conveniently situated, and should prove of the utmost benefit to the men.

Two days later the Y.M.C.A. arranged a Broadwood Camp Con-

cert, which was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

On February 9th, Mr. Vaughan Cornish gave us a most interesting lecture on the Geography of Europe and its influence of the present wra." This was illustrated by carefully prepared lantern slides, and proved of the greatest interest.

On February 22nd we began battalion training, which involves somewhat lengthy marches to the more distant areas, as the country in the immediate neighbourhood of camp is largely under cultivation.

As the Camp Concerts have proved such howling successes-1 ues the adjective in a figurative sense, and it is in no way meant as a criticism—a series of concerts have been arranged and will take place weekly. I shall be able to give more details in your next

We have to chronicle with regret the loss of two of our officers, Major Whitaker, who has had to relinquish his commission owing to it health, and Second Lieut. Thomson, who has been transferred to the Royal Sussex (Pioneers). The best of good luck to them.

8TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

We are now a smart khaki clad Battalion and training of a varied kind is in full swing, including night operations three nights a week, during which some very good schemes are carried out, and all thus employed enter on their various tasks in a serious and business-like spirit.

We have had diversions in the way of Concerts and Football

Matches, which are much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

WORTHING CHARITY CUP.

WEST KENTS BEAT THE QUEEN'S.

In the first round of the Worthing Charity Cup Competition, at Worthing Sports Ground, the 8th Service Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment easily accounted for the Queen's Regiment. The West Kents had two interesting veterans in their ranks—Sergt. Major McGregor, who captained the team, and Sergeant Bailey, an old Oldham player, who is 45 and wonderfully active and still a good all-round athlete. The West Kents were a player short at the start. and the Queen's pressed for a bit, but the Kent men soon got the upper hand, and kept their opponents on the defensive all the time. The Queen's had a useful pair of backs, but their goalkeeper was not very "safe." Most of the goals were, however, scored with shots that gave the custodian no chance. Carter, Jones and Bailey (two each) scored for the Kents, and the solitary goal for the Queen's was put on just before half-time by Hardy with a very soft shot and no opposition. Score:-

8th Royal West Kent Regiment 6 goals The Queen's Regiment 1 goal

On 13th February our Regimental Football Team played the Stu Battalion East Surrey Regimental Football Team in the semi-final of the Worthing Charity Cup, which was a well contested game, and at the end of 90 minutes play was one goal each. It was then decided to play an extra 15 minutes, in which the 9th East Surreys scored another goal, and thus won by two goals to one.

We are very pleased to record that Sergeant H. H. Dunn, of C Company, has been promoted to Lieutenant in the 16th Liverpool

Regiment and has taken up his duties at Hoylake.

Lce.-Corpl. H. Williamson, of C Company, has also been granted a temporary commission in the 8th Berkshire Regiment.

Lieutenant P. M. Robertson-Ross has been promoted Captain and Second Lieuts. C. F. Penton, C. A. Hutchinson and R. M. Old have been promoted Lieutenants, dated 23rd January.

A draft of 65 N.C.O.'s and men proceeded on the 12th February to

Join the 3rd Reserve Battalion at Chatham. The Commanding Officer in a few words thanked the men for the manner in which they had carried out their duties and conducted themselves since they had served with him.

The men then gave three cheers for the Commanding Officer, Second in Command, the Adjutant and Officers Commanding their various companies, and were then marched to the station accompanied by the Battalion Drums to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and other appropriate airs.

On the same day a draft of 57 men came to us from Chatham and the majority of them are now on Regimental employment, thus

relieving the recruits.

On the 17th February 22 men proceeded to Henfield to join the 24th Divisional Cyclist Company and were struck off the strength of the Battalion accordingly.

TWO REGIMENTAL CONCERTS AT WORTHING.

THE ROYAL WEST KENTS.

A capital concert was given by the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment at Trinity Hall, Worthing, on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Colonel Vansittart and other officers, the N.C.O.'s and men, and numerous other friends, both ladies and gentlemen, of the Battalion. A first-class programme was arranged by Corporal J. H. Anderson, of C Company. Miss Dorothy Puttick opened with a pianoforte solo, "Qui Vive," which was followed by several songs by Privates Hall and Simpson, of A Company, Col. Sergt. C. Pope, of C Company, and Private Brooks, of D Company. Sergeant Atchison, of B Company, came in for a good deal of applause for excellent impersonations of the well-known comedian, Sam Mayo. The Queen's Own quartet, consisting of Sergeant J. T. Hibbert (piccolo), Sergeant Akhurst (mandoline), Corporal J. H. Anderson (piano) and Private District (middle). Akhurst (mandoline), Corporal J. H. Anderson (piano) and Private Blaiklock (violin), which has only recently been formed, rendered 'Nights of Gladness' in very good style. Sergeant J. T. Hibbert, A Company, gave two piccolo solos, and Sergeant Akhurst, D Company, a mandoline solo, both items being well rendered. Dr. Gostling, of Worthing, kindly assisted in the programme by giving a reading entitled "Mr. Dooley on the Brother of the Kaiser," which was greatly appreciated. Miss Amy Williams, dressed in proper military fashion, arrived on the platform to the strains of the Royal West Kent's March Past. She sang with great success "The Army of to-days all right," the soldiers joining in the chorus. Particularly welcome were the contributions by the Misses Ethel and Geraldine of to-day's all right," the soldiers joining in the chorus. Particularly welcome were the contributions by the Misses Ethel and Geraldine MacWhirter, of the MacWhirter Orchestra, Worthing. Both replied to encores, which were thoroughly deserved, Miss Ethel giving for one the popular recruiting song "Your King and Country want you" and Miss Geraldine a clever violin solo. The chair was taken by C.Q.M.S.Q. Donald Clark, of C Company, who was supported by Sergeant-Major H. Evans and C.Q.M.S.Q. P. Smith, of D Company. A hearty vote of thanks and three lusty cheers were given to the Rev. C. J. Hollis (Vicar of Holy Trinity) for his kindness in giving the use of St. Matthew's Hall, and in reply he assured the Battalion that they were very welcome to the Hall while they were stationed in the town.

SOLDIERS' CONCERT AT WORTHING.

Another concert, arranged by Corporal J. H. Anderson, of Company, was given by the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regi-Anderson, of C ment, do Friday evening at the St. Matthew's Hall, Worthing The chair was taken by Major J. C. Chillingworth, of D Company, and the commanding officer (Colonel E. Vansittart) was also present. crogramme was opened by Miss Dorothy Puttick, and there followed songs rendered by Lance Corporal Coles, of D Company, Private Haworth, of D Company, Colour Sergeant C. Pope, of C Company. a mandoline solo by Sergeant Akhurst, of D Company, and a piccolo solo by Sergeant J. T. Hibbert, of A Company. The Misses Mac-Whirter again contributed some most acceptable songs and violin solos. By special request Miss Amy Williams sang "It's a long way to Tipperary." introducing the new version in the last chorus, "It's a long way into Berlin." Mr. Kneller greatly amused the men with his comic songs, especially the first one, "I'm all right. How's yourself?" Sergeant Atchison, of B Company, gave some more impressions of the well known comedian, Sam Mayo. Last, but not least, came the "Queen's Own" Quartet, Sergeant Hibbert (piccolo), Sergeant Akehurst (mandoline), Corporal Anderson (piano), and Private Blaiklock (violin). They rendered "Double Eagle" and "Night of Gladness" in fine style. At the close Colonel Vansittart proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. J. Hollis for lending the hall, and afterwards cheers were given for the Colonel and Major Chillingworth.

9TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

FEBRUARY-MARCH.

Incredible though it may seem we are still digging trenches in the 9th Battalion, and still getting new officers posted to us. Of the former I can say little, as much secrecy as to sites and situations is observed, but I think I am not claiming too much when I say that if the Battalion carries out its Field Training with the same efficiency as it has dug its

trenches, we shall not discredit the name we bear.

We now total something over 70 officers-73 I think to be exact-and various courses of Instruction are being, and have been, attended by sundry subalterns 2nd-Lieutenant Bartlett recently sojourned to Hythe to attend the School of Musketry, and it is most gratifying that he passed the subsequent examination "with distinction." We have also sent an officer to Chelsea for instruction, and on his return another is to take his place. There is too a course of general elementary instruction at the Brenchley Institute Lower Barracks, Chatham, which three officers are attending, and yet another three have just completed a course on Field Sanitation.

Major W. T. Boucher has left us to take up an appointment as

Assistant Embarkation Officer at Avonmouth.

The Battalion is getting quite a name in Sporting Circles, and has recently played four football matches, two Ruggers and two Socers, winning three of them and losing the other. Against the 14th Middlesex Regiment at Gravesend we scored a decisive victory by 25 points to three, and the following Saturday at Woolwich beat the R.M.A. by one penalty goal, and a try to a try (six points to three). On the latter occasion, owing to the ground being under about two inches of snow, only 20 minutes each way was played.

On 3rd March a Soccers Match was played on the Gillingham Football Ground against the 3rd Battalion, the proceeds being devoted to provide comforts for the men of the 1st Battalion, About 2,000 spectators were present, and a good game resulted in a victory for the 3rd Battalion by

two goals to nil. Our first defeat.

The Dublin Fusiliers were met and defeated at Sittingbourne on the

10th March the score being two goals to nil.

Further matches have been arranged, one on 13th March against the Woolwool Garrison at Woolwich, and another against the H.A.C. at Blackheath. Both being Rugby matches.

At the end of February our Brigadier-General, General Waters, gave the officers of the Battalion a brief outpost scheme to work out under his supervision, which made a very welcome variation from eternal trench

It is a well known fact that throughout the Battalion there is a smattering of old soldiers, but it will come as a surprise to many to learn how old some of these veteran "dug outs" really are. An interesting revelation on this subject was made the other day when a certain man's Company Conduct Sheet was referred to, and his age was shown thereon as 280 years and 140 days!! After that we shall not be in the least surprised to find some Crimean Veterans masquerading as drummer boys, as the man in question had worn so well that no one would have guessed his age to be a day over 100!!

Since writing the above notes, we have played a Rugby Match v. Woolwich Garrison, on March 13th, with the result, 9th Royal West Kent Regiment 22 points, and Woolwich Garrison eight points.

This match was played in glorious weather at the Rectory Field,

Blackheath, and it was a most enjoyable game.

Our opponents included Captain Craven, Lieutenants Sykes and Ennis, and other well known Blackheath players. The ground was in splendid condition, and a fast game resulted, in which our superior combinations secured for us the above result,

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Chatham, held on 10th inst., reference was made to the 9th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, which has been billetted in St. John's Ward of this town for the past five months, and the Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Commanding officer that the Council would like the officers and men to know how much they appreciate the gentlemanly way in which they have conducted themselves since they have been billeted here.

The letter goes on to say:—"The Council are sure that there is no better conducted regiment in any town in England, and the Council feel that they would not be doing their duty if they did not inform you of this

fact."

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It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of March :--

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Second Lieut, L. H. Y. Pownall. Second Lieut. L. S. White.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Captain J. H. Stokes.

WOUNDED.

Second Lieut. E. W. Sheppard.

Captain J. H. Stokes was born on September 8th, 1886, and before the war was a clerk in Somerset House. He received his commission in the 3rd Battalion from the Inns of Court O.T.C. on August 15th last. He left to join the Expeditionary Force on October 3rd, and was attached to the Berkshire Regiment. That he was an officer well above the average is shewn by his success; he was mentioned in dispatches, awarded the Military Cross, and promoted Captain from 2nd Lieutenant on the recommendation of the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief. He was badly wounded in the thigh, but his death came as a great blow, as we had heard that he was making excellent progress.

Second Lieut. Lionel Henry Yorke Pownall was born on August 23rd, 1895, and received his commission in the Regiment from Sandhurst on August 15th of last year. He then joined the 3rd Battalion and left for the 1st Battalion on September 11th. He was wounded in the arm at the end of October and returned home, on January 16th, and went out for the second time on February 2nd. We hear that he was hit by what was apparently a stray bullet. He was a capable and keen officer and gave great promise, and his early death will be greatly regretted by those who knew him. He was a relation of Colonel C. E. Harrison.

Second Lieut. L. S. White was promoted from the Artists' Rifles, and only joined the 1st Battalion a few days before he was killed, his name not having yet appeared in the "Gazette." We hear he was a most promising officer.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the casualty list from March 1st to 31st, 1915:-

DIED.

71 Pte. T. Heard.

KILLED IN ACTION.

8700 Pte. B. Acott
10259 Pte. W. Bevis
8346 Pte. G. Benge
644 Pte. W. Banks
10392 Corpl. S. H. Birch
10429 Pte. H. Blackman
111 Pte. W. Beale
8941 Pte. W. Bryan
5979 Pte. C. Bailey
5979 Pte. C. Bailey 806 Corpl. C. Baker
10102 Pte. H. Chatfield 10030 Pte. W. Curtis
10030 Pte. W. Curtis
8810 Pte. H. Chamberlain
8687 Pte. E. Cheers
7806 Pte. R. Camper
6335 Sergt. F. Davies
4304 Pte. F. Filmer
610 Pte. G. Green
9852 Pte. G. Garrett
10120 Pte. S. Glavzer
5911 Pte J Graham
7848 Pto. H. Groves
8296 Corpl. W. Hampton
8296 Corpl. W. Hampton 8151 Pte. M. Huntingdon
1238 Pte. C. Howard
9014 Lance-Corpl. J. Hills
9171 Pte. W. Kelsey

5535	Pte. J. Jones
	Corpl. G. Leaney
9180	Pte. T. Hollands
7430	Pte. H. Manning Pte. W. Mayne
10198	Pte. W. Mayne
8408	Pte. W. J. Mott
7474	Pto R Morton
5570	Sergt. T. Myner
10389	Pte. G. Palmer
7342	Pte. W. Page
6695	Pte. C. J. Penn
10216	Pte. A. Pyke
5980	Pte. E. Payne
8142	Pte. J. Rvan
1113	Pte. W. Scudder
967	Pte. W. Scudder Lance-Corpl. A. Steane
6896	Pte, J. Sweeney
5284	Pte. C. Skerritt
159	Pte. J. Selves
6743	Pte. J. Scully
8362	Pte. J. Turner
7248	Sergt. R. Verrall
4717	Pte. J. Webb
1237	Pte. J. Webb Pte. O. Williams
3459	Pte. J. Williams
5934	Pte. W. Wash

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1118 Pte. C. Arnold	139 Pte. H. Gazzard
10285 Pte. G. Ashton	339 Pte N. Hawkins
10285 Pte. G. Ashton 474 Pte. H. Biggleston	5159 Pte. T. Higgins
8589 Pte. E. Bresnaham	8103 Pte. R. Hickmott
1213 Pte. F. Bridge	8913 Pte, T. Harrild
474 Pte. H. Biggleston 8859 Pte. E. Bresnaham 1213 Pte. F. Bridge 6713 Pte. W. Bunsell 8959 Pte. W. Bell 10404 Pte. A. Braybrook 2 Pte. W. Bradley 9132 Pte. W. Beer 8806 Pte. W. Bresnaham 1119 Pte. A. Bailey	7231 Pte. L. Jones
8959 Pte. W. Bell	9377 Pte. T. Jobson
10404 Pte. A. Braybrook	9220 Pte. J. G. Knott
2 Pte. W. Bradley	5805 Sergt. F. Kite
9132 Pte. W. Beer	5084 Pte. A. Laffling
8806 Pte. W. Bresnaham	10315 Pte. F. Leverentz 164 Pte. S. Newman
1119 Pte. A. Bailey	164 Pte. S. Newman
8529 Pte. G. Bailey	8513 Pte. G. Osborne
10155 Pte. H. Barrier	9370 Pte. C. Parker
1119 Pte. A. Bailey 8829 Pte. G. Bailey 10155 Pte. H. Barrier 8676 Pte. A. Blamire 161 Pte. W. Bunyard 6655 Pte. E. Bigg	7572 Pte. J. Page
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4587 Sergt. V. Coomber	5085 Pte. C. Roberts
7804 Pte. E. Carter	7252 Pte. E. Riddiford
10365 Pte. J. Chapman	10183 Pte. S. Stock
8297 Pte. J. Connell	438 Pte. J. Sexton
7192 Pte. W. Clinch	8926 Pte. A. Smith
7356 Pte. A. Challen	8926 Pte. A. Smith 10075 Pte. J. Scrase 7150 Pte. W. Seale
	147 Pte H. Smith
8248 Pte. J. Downs	
10341 Pte. J. Donovan	10255 Pte. S. Thomsett
6321 Pte. J. Dominey	8910 Pte. W. Taylor 7659 Pte. F. Vincent 10298 Lance Corpl. J. Willian
4560 Pte. G. Fuller 1141 Pte. C. Fletcher 8149 Pte. J. Francis 6350 Pte. J. Fairservice	10000 Lance Compl. T. William
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8345 Pte. J. Fitches	857 Pto D West
7824 Pte. J. Flowers	10200 Pto H Woolford
6434 Pte. H. Green 8878 Pte. T. Gilbert	10209 Pte. H. Woolford 9784 Pte J. Wilson
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PRESENT LIST. OFFICERS. Wounded Killed FORMER LISTS. 24 27 Total all casualties amongst Officers 46 PRESENT LIST. N.C.O.'s and MEN. Killed. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Died. 53 78 FORMER LISTS. 196 €00 160 160 678 249 Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men 1117 Grand total all ranks 1163

PRISONERS OF WAR,

N.B .-- "Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds."

In addition to the List of Prisoners of War, published in our February issue, the following names have been furnished by the German Government:—

Pte. J. Wilkins	Pte. T. Bishop
Pte. F. Packer	Pte. J. MacCarthy
Pte. J. Arnold	Pte. J. Hemmings
Pte. H. Coveney	Pte. A. Etherington
Pte. W. Marchant	Pte. P. Pay
Pte. E. Smith	Lance-Corpl. B. Quinn
Pte. W. Trice	Pte. W. Hay
Lance-Corpl. H. Smith	Pte. J. Sterry

We regret to announce that in an official list received from the German Government the following are reported as having died:—
Pte. W. H. Hall
Pte. R. Warner
Pte. A. Sibthorpe

The following extract from a speech by Lieut-General E. A. Alderson, C.B., to the Canadian Division, has appeared in the public papers:—"All ranks of the Canadian Division: We are about to occupy and maintain a line of trenches. I have some things to say to you at this moment, which it is well that you should consider. You are taking over good, and on the whole, dry trenches. I have visited some myself. They are intact and the parapets are good. Let me warn you first that we have already had several casualties while you have been attached to other divisions. Some of these casualties were unavoidable, and that is war. But I suspect that some—at least a few—could have been avoided. I have heard of cases in which men have exposed themselves with no military object casualties were unavoidable, and that is war. But I suspect that some—at least a few—could have been avoided. I have heard of cases in which men have exposed themselves with no military object and perhaps only to gratify curiosity. We cannot lose good men like this. We shall want them all if we advance, and we shall want them all if the Germans advance. Do not expose your heads, and do not look round corners, unless for a purpose which is necessary at the moment vou do it. It will not often be necessary. You are provided with means of observing the enemy without exposing your heads. To lose your life without military necessity is to deprive the State of good soldiers. Young and brave men enjoy taking risks. But a soldier who takes unnecessary risks through levity is not playing the game. And the man who does so is stupid, for whatever be the average practice of the German Army, the individual shots, whom they employ as snipers, shoot straight, and are screened from observation behind the lines; they are always watching. If you put your head over the parapet without orders, they will hit that head. There is another thing. Troops new to the trenches always shoot at nothing the first night. You will not do it. It wastes ammunition, and it hurts no one. And the enemy says: 'These are new and nervous troops.' No German is going to say that of the Canadian troops. You will be shelled in the trenches. When you are shelled, sit low and sit tight. This is easy advice, for there is nothing else to do. If you get out you will only get it worse. And if you go out the Germans will go in. And if the Germans go in, we shall counter-attack and put them out; and that will cost us hundreds of men instead of the few whom shells may injure. The Germans do not like the bayonet, nor do they support bayonet attacks. If they get up to you, or if you get up to them, go right in with the bayonet. You have the physique to drive it home. That you will do it I am sure, and I do not envy the Germans if you get among them with the bayonet.

There is one thing more. My old regiment, the Royal West Kent, There is one thing more. My old regiment, the Royal West Kent, has been here since the beginning of the war, and it has never lost a trench. The Army says: 'The West Kents never budge.' I am proud of the great record of my old regiment. And I think it is a good omen. I now belong to you and you belong to me; and before long the Army will say: 'The Canadians never budge.' Lads, it can be left there, and there I leave it. The Germans will never turn

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following extract from a letter written by a Colour Sergeant of the 4th Battalion now at Jubbulpore:—"You will be interested to know we met the 2nd Batt. of the Q.O. at Nasirabad, 50 hours' trip from Jubb, including Q.M.S. Bert Bellion, 'Hookey' Walker, now S.M., and a few of the boys we knew at the Depot. Of course, they were surprised, wished to be remembered to all old townies, at home and with the Battalion. to be remembered to all old townies, at home and with the Battalion. They had just got orders to mobilise, and left the same day as we did for the Persian Gulf, or elsewhere. They did us top hole; could not make enough fuss of us, especially the infant from Chart Sutton (who said 'Stickings?') and the I.C. Good luck to them all. I don't suppose it's ever happened before in India—three Battalions of one British Regiment. There are the Second, Fourth and Fifth West Kents (Queen's Own), and Second, Fourth and Fifth of the Buffs. As showing the good name that the regiment has got, an officer of ours, coming back off leave in mufti, happened to get in a convertment with an efficer of a native regiment, who had been compartment with an officer of a native regiment, who nad been home on sick leave, and was just returning. Getting into conversation, our officer mentioned that he supposed the conversation at home now was what the Guards had done. He was agreeably surprised when he was told by the other that whatever part of the old country he had been, they were talking about the (Q.O.) Royal West Kent Regiment. Thereupon our officer told him who he was, and was then told he ought to feel proud to belong to such a regiment. "Pleased to say we are running cricket, football and hockey teams, and manage to hold our own fairly well—as usual."DOTSS." compartment with an officer of a native regiment, who had been home on sick leave, and was just returning. Getting into conversa-

-Yours. etc.,

Also for the following account of the losses sustained by B Co., 1st Battalion, on February 22nd:-

As indicated last week, February 22nd was rather disastrous for B Company. On this day trench mortars were playing the deuce with the Company. At last one found its mark, wiping out three officers and about fourteen men, besides wounding and stunning many others. Several of the killed were no doubt blown to pieces. Such incidents as these usually passed unnoticed, but it requires the utmost bravery and tenacity for men to hold on to a trench after such an event, especially when their cover (the parapet of the trench) gets blown away, leaving them exposed to fire until dusk. Then they can get out and rebuild. This is what happened on February 22nd, but, needless to say, the Queen's Own did not evacuate their trench—they never do unless ordered. The cost of remaining, however, was six more fatalities that day.

Another incident on the same day in connection with the same company may be recorded. After having two officers killed in as many minutes, the company commander of B Co., Captain Molony (better known as "Pat"), fell wounded. He, like all others, had to lie in his trench until dusk, when the stretcher bearers arrive. On their arrival, and it came to the Captain's turn to be removed, the callent old seldier well edverged in years as he is refused to be their arrival, and it came to the Captain's turn to be removed, the gallant old soldier, well advanced in years as he is, refused to be moved, saying he could not bear to leave his old company. Eventually he was forcibly removed, but with great reluctance and emotion. What touched the boys most was when they heard him cob: "If I go back they'll think I'm a coward. The company wish a speedy recovery to one of the bravest of the brave.

A supplement to the London Gazette issued on April 1st, contains descriptions of "the acts of gallantry and devotion to duty" which have carned the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and includes the following N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment:—Penny, W. H., 4558 Company Sergt.-Major, 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment—For gallant conduct and ability in the handling of his men in the trenches from 23rd to 28th October, 1914, especially in dealing with the enemy's attempt at an outflanking movement. movement.

movement.

Stroud, M. P., 6694 Sergt., 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment—For conspicuous gallantry on 27th October, 1914, in voluntarily leaving his trench to reconnoitre the enemy's position under heavy fire. He carried out this dangerous work satisfactorily.

Turnbull, J. T., 8192 Pte., 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment—For conspicuous gallantry, coolness, and resource between 13th and 19th November, 1914. Repeatedly left his trench by day and night to reconnoitre the enemy's position, under heavy fire, and obtained reliable information. He accounted for six German snipers and brought beak their rifles. and brought back their rifles.

Donovan, P., 9831 Pte., 3rd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment—For gallant conduct on 23rd August, 1914, at St. Ghislain; whilst his battalion was retreating he returned towards the enemy, under a heavy fire, and placed a wounded man under cover.

We regret to announce the death of Lieut-Colonel Montagu Wynyard, late of the Royal West Kort Regiment, aged 67. He served with the 1st Battalion in New Zealand in 1866, and in the Egyptian Expedition in 1882. He left the Regiment as a Major, on appointment to the Adjutancy of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, of which he was later Assistant Commandant. On his retirement from the service he was appointed Secretary of the New Club, Edinburgh. We mourn his loss.

Roll of Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of the Regiment since the amalgamation of the 50th and 97th in July, 1881:

General Sir E. W. Forestier Walker, K.C.B., March 8th, 1872, 50th.
General J. M. Perceval, C.B., March 2lst, 1874, 97th.
General the Hon, Sir F. Colbourne, K.C.B., July 28th, 1881, R.W. Kent.
General W. R. Preston, February 21st, 1888, R.W. Kent.
General Sir Fowler Burton, K.C.B., October 5th, 1890, R.W. Kent.
Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., April 1st, 1904, R.W. Kent. LIEUTENANT-COLONELS.

1st BATTALION.
A. E. Fyler, August 31st, 1880.
E. Leach, C.B., Nov. 11th, 1883 (6).
J. L. Tweedie, D.S.O., Dec. 23rd, 1885 (0).
W. H. Bayly, Dec. 23rd, 1889 (5).
T. H. Brock. Dec. 23rd, 1892 (8).
C. W. H. Evans, D.S.O., Dec. 23rd, 1898 (15).
C. E. C. B. Harrison, March 21st, 1960 (4).
G. W. Maunsell, March 21st, 1904 (5).
R. C. Style, March 21st, 1908 (25).
A. Martyn, March 21st, 1912 (19).
It is interesting to note the 1st BATTALION.

2nd BATTALION.

It is interesting to note the vagaries of promotion, and the number of officers who fall out. The number originally between a number of omcers who fall out. The number originally between a Commanding Officer and the one next above him is shown by the figures in brackets opposite his name—e.g., originally there were 25 officers between Lieut.-Colonel Maunsell and Lieut.-Colonel Style. Owing to Lieut.-Colonel Fitton having been brought in from outsite, it is impossible to give the number between him and Lieut.-Colonel Western, and between Lieut.-Colonel Lowe and him; but the number between Lieut.-Colonel Western and Lieut.-Colonel Lowe was truntly for twenty-five.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEENS OWN.

The following is the sixth list of donations received by Officer Commanding Depot in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal to provide comforts for our men at the Front. The 2nd Battalion being now on service in the Persian Gulf, their needs have to be considered as well as those of the 1st Battalion.

It will be observed that a consignment of cigarettes has been

despatched to the 2nd Battalion, and a wire has been sent to the Officer Commanding asking him what articles are required.

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Major C. R. Bradshaw	. 1	0	0
Major A Wood Martyn	. 4	U	0
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Centain Roy Brook (3rd donation), monthly	0	0	
Major W. E. Rowe (2nd donation)	. 5	0	0
Total to April 1st, 1915 £	1005	15	3

BALANCE SHEET. # s. d.

Donations received to date
(April 1st, 1915)1005 15 3 16 Tins (11b.) white vaseline 1 10 8 54lbs. Carriage candles ... 4 19 11 2 Sets stencils ... 1 0 6 8 Periscopes ... 3 4 0 8 Periscopes and packing etc. ... 3 6 6

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COMFORTS FOR 1st BATTALION.

LIST CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3,286, FEBRUARY NO., "Q.O.G." etc. 8th February.
1 Parcel, containing 2 Sets Stencils (for crosses). 4 Parcels, Containing 6 Parcels, containing 55 Shirts.

19th February 5 Parcels, containing 111 Pairs of Socks.

5 Parcels, containing 100 Mufflers.
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4 Parcels, containing Various (Mufflers, Towels, Knitted Helmets, Waterproof ditto (covers), Woollen Jackets, Pants, Vests, 2 Parcels containing Chevrons.
2 Bales, containing Smokes, Sweets, Mufflers. 2nd March. 2 Parcels, containing Harrison's Pomade Ointment (100 4th March.
10 Parcels, containing
7 Parcels, containing
332 Socks.
13 Parcels, containing
130 Shirts. 8 Periscopes. 10th March. 15th March March.
3 Parcels, containing Harrison's Ointment (200 tins).
8 Parcels, containing 350 Pairs of Socks.
9 Parcels, containing 113 Pants.
4 Parcels, containing 37 Shirts.
3 Parcels, containing Various (Cardigans, Helmets, Mufflers) lers). All the above have been acknowledged. 19th March. 1 Parcel, containing 506 Cap Badges. 20th March. 3 Bales, containing Smokes, Sweets, Mufflers, etc. 3 Bates, Containing 3 Shirts.
8 Parcels, containing 34 Vests 20 Pants.
8 Parcels, containing 292 Socks, 4 Helmets.

We should like to place on record how deeply the Regiment is indebted to the Roan School for Girls at Gravesend. They have been most generous and thoughtful in their gifts. At Christmas they sent us 100 parcels, each containing either a flannel shirt, or a pair of woollen pants. a pair of socks, etc., etc., together with smaller articles, each set of gifts being wrapped in a Turkey towel.

Again in the middle of February they sent cigarettes and sweets, Again in the middle of February they sent cigarettes and sweets, and at the end of the month 52 more parcels, and we hear of more coming. In the Christmas consignment there were cards or letters in each parcel. These have been enormously appreciated by the men, from whom many replies have been received. One of them writes: "It is such thoughts and help from such dear little girls like you which spur us on to greater efforts."

The most grateful thanks of the whole Regiment are due to each the labels held thought and practical generosity has done her

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"bit to help."

9th Battalion-Chatham.

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WHERE THE BATTALIONS ARE.

1st Battalion-British Expeditionary Force. 2nd Battalion-Indian Expeditionary Force "D." 3rd Battalion-Fort Darland, Chatham. 1st 4th Battalion-Jubbulpore. 2nd 4th Battalion-Gravesend. 1st 5th Battalion-Jhansi. 2nd 5th Battalion-Lodge Hill, Chatham. 6th Battalion-Aldershot. 7th Battalion-Purfleet. 8th Battalion-Worthing.

News from the Battalions.

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

Having promised to write a few lines to our Regimental Gazette I now seize the first opportunity to do so. As this is written for only those interested in Regimental matters I must confine myself to such topics. We have been in France nearly seven months now, and we have been told distinguished ourselves at various times, but and we have been told distinguished ourselves at various times, but one likes to read of something really Regimental. And with the Censor's eagle eye darting here and there, it is no easy job to tell something which would be interesting. Everyone has read the peans of praise which have been showered on the A.S.C. for their splendid work, but no one seems to have any praise for those who are responsible for the further distribution of the food and other things which are supplied in plenty by "someone in England." I believe I echo the sentiments of the whole of the 1st Battalion (especially the Marne and Aisne survivors), when I say that no Regiment in the field has been so well-served as this one. What a surprise it was to the lads on the night of September 14th, when they were all awakened and handed out bread, cheese, cooked bacon and jam. It came from nowhere in particular, and the Regiment had only crossed the river in fours, but four hours before, and yet here were their rations complete. But one of our Regimental mottoes is "Invicta." That explains everything. As time is short at present I must promise a longer letter next month. I should like to thank, on behalf of the Tommies, all those friends of the Regiment who have kept us so well supplied with the comforts of life.

Whilst at the Base waiting to proceed to join the Battalion, I was sitting in my tent because the weather was too bad to be outside, when I heard a conversation going on, behind in the lines of a well known country Regiment.

The man, who is the hero of this yarn, was an excellent specimen of a genuine Regimental grouser of the old, old type, which I am glad to say is not yet extinct. He usually started at 6 a.m. and never finished grousing until 10 p.m., but I must own that he buzzed the men of his tent round before you can say Jack Robinson. Well, to get on with the yarn, this day was very wet, and the discussion arose in the tent in rear about enlisting, when one of the lads asked our hero how he came to enlist when he was nearly forty.

was nearly forty.
"Well," he said, in a broad country dialect, "what was a man
to do. There was all the young lads marching, the band of the Territorials continualling parading the town with the Regiment, posters everywhere, everybody discussing the war, and every blooming motor car with Lord Kitchener's photo on it, pointing his d—d old finger at you, and with his eyes fixing you, and underneath 'I want you.' I was an old soldier and I thought I was wanted, so they've got me; so there you are."

The Battalion is now in rather a warm corner, one they have seen before, and one in which everybody realizes the responsibility of their position. You may ask: Where is that? but of course that is mentionless. I have seen the name made into a well known plan, but of course I mustn't repeat it. As it is we are going on well, although at times we have suffered casculties, which can ill be replaced We have reduced down the casculties to almost a minimum; but as you are well aware we have added other laurels to our list.

Everybody here is exceedingly thanful to all the kind friends at home, who administer to our comforts in all sorts of ways, Although they get an acknowledgment from the recipient in nearly every case, it may happen that some are neglected, but the reason is quite plain. Perhaps the man who receives a kind present gets it just before he proceeds to the trenches, and the opportunity to acknowledge it passes, and also in some cases the address is lost, but they may all rest assured that if they have not got an answer in writing, they have had it in thought. Everything, we are sure, is being done to make the time out here as pleasant as possible for us by the kind friends at home, and their kindness will not be forgotten. forgotten.

The following is an absolutely true item, and as it happened in the Regiment, I think it should be published in large print in our

own Regimental Gazette.

A private who had been dangerously wounded, and knew he had not long to live, turned to the doctor, and said: "I would like the two cap badges in my pocket made into a brooch and given to

my little daughter. The cap badges have been made into the brooch and will be sent to the little girl.

It is such remarks as these at such a time, which makes it quite

easy to see why the regiment has earned such a high reputation in this war, a cap badge, the White Horse and Invicta, his steadfast belief to the last in his Regiment and its motto.

TALES HEARD.

A soldier accosting the Sergeant of the Guard: "Can you tell me where the Bedfords are? I have just brought the reinforcements five miles and want to report." Sergeant of the Guard: "Where is the reinforcement?" Soldier: "I'm it."

Overheard in an estaminet, way back, somewhere in France. Tommy to girl behind bar: "Er, madersoiselle, er, un cafe au lait, and, er, er, oh! one coffee without au lait."

The Brigade having come back for a few days rest, everyone's thoughts naturally turned to those of a "gaff." A large barn, which had been requisitioned by a previous Brigade who were also resting, had been turned into a very respectable substitute for a concert hall. On the road outside, a huge hoarding displayed the following notice: "British Empire Theatre of Varieties. Special Engagement of Artistes direct from the Trenches. 6 p.m.!" Under the very able management of Lieut. C. Gordon-Burge, 28th Divisional Cyclists, a programme was gone through which would have done credit to any amateur concert hall at home. 6 to 8.45 p.m., Saturday. 13th March. Part I.—Selection, The Band (?) (one small kettle drum, one accordeon, two flutes, three whistles); song, "Sleep in the Deep," Pte. Elder; song, "The Spaniard that Blighted my Life. Pte Barker; comic, "Capt. Gingah, O.T.," Lieut. Gordon Burge; recitation, "Waterloo," Pte. Buckler; comic, "I was standing at the corner of the street," Pte. Craven; ragtime, "The Ghost of the violin," Ptes. Beckwith and McLoy, R.W.K.; Will Curley, comedian and mimic; comic, "Little Brown Hat," Pte. Boddington; comic. "The Dispensary Doctor," Lieut. Tobias; Billy Martin, eccentric and dancer. Interval, Band? Part II.—Band! comic, "The Inoffensive Curate," Sergt.-Major Stroud, R.W.K.; cornet solos (2), Sergt. Verrall, R.W.K.; comic, "P.C. 49," Pte. Ainley; song, "Rum Fusiliers' Club." Pte. Stannard; comic, "It won't last very, very long," Pte. Welsh, R.W.K.; Will Curley and Billy Martin in a very amusing dialogue and song; Pte. Pearce, R.W.K., the Handcuff King; "The King." The star turns of the evening were Curley and Martin and Beckwith and McCoy, R.W.K., who with a little training would be entitled to take their place on the boards at home. H.R.C.

Tragedy and Comedy in the firing line are closely associated, as

the following incident will show.

Whilst conducting rations to other platoons stationed in the firing line trenches, it was necessary to pass over a ridge which, when the enemy's, or for that matter our own, flares were sent up, threw anyone on the ridge out in bold relief. This was also the case on bright moonlight nights, and casualties were rather common at this particular spot. On the night in question, it was so dark that it was impossible to see one's hand in front of one's face. It was necessary to close up well in order to ensure not missing your way. On approaching the ridge above-mentioned the order was passed back for absolute silence. All went well until the N.C.O. leading came across a "Jack Johnson" hole filled with waten. Quietly he passed back the order "Keep to the left. Jack Johnson on your right."

Pte — who was carrying a box of bully on his right shoulder.

On your right."

Pte. —, who was carrying a box of bully on his right shoulder, failed to get far enough to his left and blundered in, being completely submerged. A flare going up almost at the same moment, revealed their comrade's plight, and roars of laughter went up despite the fact that a volley from the enemy then might have meant their complete annihilation.

In this laughter the dripping man joined when he emerged, but the only damage done was that one company were minus one box of bully.

COMFORTABLE TRENCHES AND A LANCE CORPORAL'S IMAGINATION.

One particular portion of trenches we took over from the French

consisting of wide, deep, dry trenches, covered over completely, each trench contained a brazier and water, and potatoes were to be had in plenty at night. A pig which wandered too near met his death



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." LIEUT. D. POTTINGER, R.A.M.C., Regimental Medical Officer, at the entrance of his Field Shelter. Photographs taken by an Officer.

by a chance (?) bullet, and our menu on one occasion consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, hot Christmas pudding, and tea and cocoa in plenty.

Lee.-Corpl. -

-, who had been back to another farm to get a

Lce.-Corpl. —, who had been back to another farm to get a supply of coal, returned when the clouds were racing in front of the moon, which made the night alternately light and dark.

Passing close to the farm, which was only a few yards in rear of our trenches, he saw, during one of the dark periods, several Germans crouched against the wall.

In a state of great agitation, he reported to his platoon commander that there were Germans within our lines. A party, consisting of a Major, a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, a Lance-Corporal and four men revealed the amusing fact that our Lance-Corporal's Germans consisted of two ladders and four baskets used in Belgium for baking bread in. Ladders and bread baskets are not now contained in the said Lance-Corporal's vocabulary. tained in the said Lance-Corporal's vocabulary.

PITHY PARS.

The new German Mortar Gun has been named by our boys, "Weary Willy," owing to taking seven seconds to reach the ground, after reaching the culminating point.

When possible we talk to the enemy in their own language, e.g., use the enemy's rifles and ammunition against them.

During our last sojourn in the trenches more than 100 rounds of German ammunition was used, thus saving ourselves a like amount.

Bomb throwing is very common now, and one company at least is getting very proficient in it.

YARNS HEARD IN THE FIELD.

A man who had been in the field for some months and was trying to put a finishing touch to a strong argument concluded with the following: "If you know that a Jack Johnson's coming, you wouldn't put on a pair of boxing gloves to meet it, would yer?"

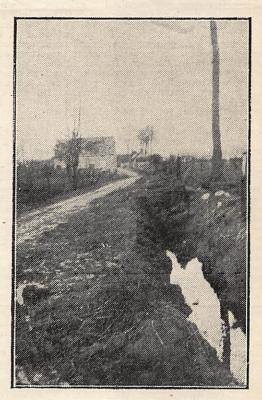
A man who had fainted (or was swanking), when he came to, said "Where am I? Where am I?" A well known person in the shape of the doctor replied "Shut up, mon, don't you know you're shot and in heaven?"

A well known person who is known for his conspicuous bravery, and is an expellent performer on a tin whistle, usually carries out the following programme when the shells are either dropping short or are well over. He makes a sudden dive for his dug out and sits and plays "Hard lines! Hard lines!"

1ST BATTALION'S FOOTBALL.

Self appointed as war correspondent for D Company I now forward you the doings of same for the month of March.

With regards to the work of the trenches I leave that for the Battalion Correspondent to record, as where the Battalion was, we were. The most notable event of the month was the playing off for the Battalion Football Shield, on the knock-out system, Having a little time to ourselves the Football Committee decided to play off the competition, the draw being as follows: A v. B, C v. D; the winner of each being in the final. Our first match to be played on the 28th March—D v. C. The arrangements and selection of the team being placed in the hands of Sergt. Cronk. who managed to get together quite a respectable team, which had they the chance would certainly beat his old town team (Gillingham) if they gave a repetition of the play of their two days' performance. Our opponents in the first round being C, the players turned out in rather a small football field not far from the firing line. C being strong favourites, a small party was told off to dig a hole for the remains of D, but I am pleased to say the hole was not required by D; of Company Sergt. Major Stroud's team I cannot answer for, as when I went to offer my sympathy they could not be found. We lined up under the command of Company Q.M.S. Wood, and C winning the toss gave us the preference of playing downhill, which, by the way, was one in six. Starting off with great dash our forwards simply left C's defence standing, and scored a goal in the first minute. Whether this was due to the fine understanding of the forwards or the promise of an extra



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." A sample of the Trenches held by the Regiment. Photographs taken by an Officer.

issue of Ticklers I cannot state, but that put us one up. This roused C, and being urged by their centre half with threats and a liberal supply of Iron Crosses, they swarmed around our goal, but were held in check by our backs, Walters and Jude, who both played a splendid game considering the state of the ground. D returning again to the attack, kept the opposing defence busy, till that "Ota Veteran," Sergt. Cronk, beat the goalie with a nice cross shot! After the change of ends C had their fair share of the game, but could not get by Smith, our goalkeeper, no more goals being scored the game ended in a victory for D of two goals to nil. Teams as follow:—D—Lce.-Corpl. Smith; Walters and Jude; Wright, Lce.-Corpl. Hanmore and Haynes; Ramsay, Sergt. Cronk, Peake, Butler and Tompkins.

D v. B.

B Company having beaten A, the morning of the 29th March was selected for the final. The supporters of D turned out in thousands, and the same team took the field, with the exception of Walters, who had Paicy as deputy. B turned out without the help of Morris and Sergt. Norman, who were slightly injured the previous day. This time, playing uphill and facing a strong wind, we had all our work cut out, but again the combination of our front line came to the fore, which enabled Butler to open the score with a low shot. Keeping up the pressure, D increased their lead through Peake, who gave the goalie no earthly, this being the only two goals scored in the first half. Playing downhill we simply bombarded B goal, but could do anything but score, each forward taking it in turns at having a pot, till close on time Sergt. Cronk got the required elevation and direction, and put the between the sticks, the game ending with the score D 3; B 0.

Being the winners of the shield for 1914—1915, and being won whilst on Active Service, it should go down in the Battalion football annual as rather a special football honour.

S.J.C. B Company having beaten A, the morning of the 29th March

1ST BATTALION NEWS.

SERGEANT-MAJOR FILE AND SERGEANT VERRALL.

The First Battalion has sustained a grievous blow during the past month by the death of two splendid N.C.O.'s, Acting Company Sergea'nt Major File and Sergeant Verrall. The former was originally Machine Gun Sergeant; he was wounded in September and sent on board a hospital ship for home, much against his will. and sent on board a hospital ship for home, much against his will.

He succeeded, however, at the last moment in getting off, and rejoined the Battalion in October. He was slightly wounded again
in December, and also badly shaken as the result of a severe shelling; he, however, refused to go sick, or take on a job with supply
waggons, which was offered him as a rest. He was then made
Acting Sergeant Major of D Company. He was an invaluable
N.C.O., brave, intrepid, full of go and grit, and his loss is deeply mourned by all.

Sergeant Verrall will always be remembered for his courage and cheerfulness. No one was more loved and respected than he. Marching to and from the trenches C Company will no longer be cheered by lively tunes from Sergt. Verrall's cornet, while the be cheered by lively tunes from Sergt. Verrall's cornet, while the Germans will now no longer be harrassed by hand grenades thrown by Sergt. Verrall, who was the bomb throwing expert in the Battalion. One little story shows the type of N.C.O. that Sergeant Verrall was. When the late Captain Mills was killed, being shot by a German sniper, Sergt. Verrall ran about 40 yards across the open under fire to give what assistance he could. When unfortunately he found he could do no more for Captain Mills, he ran back again to his own trench to report to the Officer Commanding his Company, and as he jumped into the trench, waved his hand to the German sniper who had fired at him both going and coming. This is a little story, but many of the same sort could be written about one who by his cheeriness and disregard for danger, set a splendid example to all ranks.

The following tribute to Sergeant Verrall has been received from a

The following tribute to Sergeant Verrall has been received from a private in the Battalion:—

The Battalion are here, gathered together, in marching order, with their paraphernalia of pots, pans, sticks, and the dozen and one things which are found useful in the trenches, and more so, in reserve. It is just getting dark, the lads are sitting, some on their packs, the others on the ground, talking of different subjects which at this time interests everybody, subjects connected with the war and more particularly the "Kaiser," when from nowhere come the beautiful strains of "My heart is with you to-night." Crowds immediately gathered round the musician, Sergeant Verrall, and before the Battalion marched off to the trenches were treated to some very welcome soles on his correct. welcome solos on his cornet

If we could only peep into the future. Four days later I visited Battalion Headquarters. Outside I saw a body on a stretcher. In reply to my query, "Who is it," one of the stretcher-bearers replied "Sergeant Verrall." To say he will be missed by the Battalion is not saying enough. His cheery manner, bright quips and jests, made him a universal favourite. He is mourned by the whole of the Battalion, and their sympathy is extended to the friends and relations at home, who may take consolation in knowing he died the death of a soldier, respected and loved by his comrades.

H.R.C.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR PRISONERS OF WAR.

A large number of letters and postcaids posted to prisoners of war interned in Germany are addressed in pencil, and many bulky letter packets are posted containing articles the transmission of which by letter post is prohibited. The Postmaster-General desires therefore to remind the public that all letters, postcards and parcels for prisoners of war interned abroad must be addressed distinctly and in the table letter, post to prisoners of war interned abroad must be addressed distinctly and in solvers of war interned abroad must be addressed distinctly and in ink; that the letter post to prisoners of war is restricted to written communications; that packets consisting of anything beyond an ordinary letter or postcard can only be sent by parcel post; and that letters may not be included in parcels. The foreign Post Offices concerned refuse to undertake the transmission or delivery of postal packets which contravene any of these regulations.

All Letters and Parcels should be addressed as follows:-Number, Rank, Initials, Name, Regiment,

British Prisoner of War,

In Germany.

Care G.P.O., Mount Pleasant,

London, E.C.

The place of internment should, if possible, also be stated, the words "at ——" being inserted at the beginning of the third line of the address. Correspondence is limited to private and family news, or business communications; no references to the naval, military or political situation is allowed. Postcards are less likely to be delayed than letters. If letters are sent they should not exceed two sides of a sheet of notepaper and nothing else. Foodstuffs of perishable character should not be sent. There is no charge for postage.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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2ND BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

For us also the tide has turned. Tuesday, 19th January, saw this Battalion scattered over India on varying jobs, and such as were congregated at Nasirabad with headquarters carrying on with the daily round and common task, apparently all stranded high

the daily round and common task, apparently all stranger and dry in India.

Tuesday, 26th January, found us a fully mobilised Battalion, and noon of the 30th found us on board s.s. Elephanta en route for the Persian Gulf. No. 2 Company (we have just gone on to the Doulbe Company System) joined us at Karachi on 1st February from Haidarabad (Sind), where they have been stationed since early in August last. It is hardly necessary to dilate upon the transformation that all this has effected in our outlook upon life, which hitherto tion that all this has effected in our outlook upon life, which hitherto had not been unduly bright. Now for the first time during many years we have our whole complement of officers and men all together. and everyone is feeling that a weight is lifted from off them, now that we are not to be shelved but are after all to get our chance.

Follows a detail showing the distribution of officers, W.O.'s, etc.,

by Companies:

Headquartets: — Officer Commanding, Liet & Colonel S. H. Pedley; Second in Command, Major R. Woulfe Flanagan; Adjutant, Captain A. E. Hardy; Machine Gun Officer, Lieut, C. H. Battye; Signalling Officer, Lieutenant J. B. Ford; Transport Officer, Lieutenant J. K. Kay; Medical Officer, Captain Robinson, R.A.M.C.; Quartermaster, Lieut, F. Grey; Sergt, Major, P. Walker; Q.M.S., A. L. Bellion; Orderly Room Sergeant, Col. Sergt. Canington.

things afford scope for imagination and discussion of which all ranks take the fullest advantage. It would appear that those responsible for the disposition of the Army have been guilty of some serious neglect, for otherwise it would be impossible for so many brilliant strategists and administrators to be still collected in this one unit.

Seriously, however, this turn of Fate finds us very grateful to Providence, and the other Battalions of the Regiment will, we feel sure, share in our gratification. No work of ours could raise the name of the Regiment higher than the first Battalion have taken it, nor do we anticipate having the opportunity of emulating their glorious deeds. But we like to think that whatever is asked of us we may be able to perform with that thoroughness and efficiency which has ever been the characteristic of the Regiment.

Beyond this there is no news of any interest, or if there is it has been swamped by these great happenings.

3RD BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

The 3rd Battalion Correspondence this month is practically a "nil" return. It has just been the usual training with the usual drafts; men always coming in and going out. We understand that



[By courtesy of the "South Eastern Gazette." The Woods near Ypres, where the Prussian Guard was defeated in November. Photographs taken by an Officer.

No. 1 Double Company.—Captain H. D. Belgrave, Captain M. W. Graham, Lieut. V. S. Clarke, Lieut. A. G. Balbernie, C.S.M. E. Newbrook, C.Q.M.S. A. Hart.

No. 2 Double Company.—Captain J. W. Nelson, Captain A. K. Searight, Lieut. O. G. Barnes, Lieut. N. B. Howell, 2nd Lieut. R. Harrison, C.S.M. M. C. Crisford, C.Q.M.S. R. Roythorne.

No. 3 Double Company.—Captain C. R. Ingram, Captain O. Y. Hibbert, 2nd Lieut. A. Howe, 2nd Lieut. A. H. Piggott, C.S.M. A. Elliot, C.Q.M.S. E. Monish.

No. 4 Double Company.—Major C. E. Kitson, Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, Lieut. A. S. Bredon, 2nd Lieut. A. C. Elton, 2nd Lieut. C. V. Madgett, C.S.M. T. Fletcher, C.Q.M.S. G. Bough,

The Battalion marched out 908 strong, inclusive of all ranks, which represents Indian War Strength plus ten per cent. reinforcements.

The composition of the force we are to join, the nationality, Turkish or Arab, of our enemy, his numbers, quality and disposition, our probable line of action and our future disposition, all these

we shall soon be leaving billets and going under canvas, but when it will be we do not know; canvas is usually reminiscent of summer, but the weather lately has been distinctly the reverse. As to football, there has been no Battalion match since the early days of the month, when we met and beat the 9th Battalion.

The following officers have joined the Battalion during March:—Regulars—Lieut. F. B. Le Cocq and 2nd Lieut. C. H. Windrum (both sick from Expeditionary Force); 2nd Lieut. A. F. Quinlan (commissioned from ranks of Royal Flying Corps).

Special Reserve—Captains P. A. Wilson and B. W. Parker, 2nd Lieut. L. H. Cooper (all sick from Expeditionary Force); 2nd Lieut. O. R. Nicholas (rejoined from Army Cyclist Corps); 2nd Lieut. C. C. L. Elverson (transfer from 6th Battalion); 2nd Lieuts, R. W. Cornell and E. G. Maitland (both first appointment).

The following officers have left to join the Expeditionary during March: Regular, 2nd Lieuts. F. L. Bassett and E. C. Hilder. Special Reserve—2nd Lieuts. J. E. Liebenrood, J. Craston, F. L. Short, S. T. L. Maunder, G. D. Borland and B. C. K. Job.

5TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

A Grand Boxing Tournament was given in an enclosure outside the Gymnasium Assaye Barracks, Jhansi, India, on the night of Saturday, 13th March, 1915. The chief event was a 20 rounds contest for the Fertherweight Championship of India between two well known Army boxers, Sergeant-Instructor R. Darley (The Queen's Own) and Private Harris (14th Hussars), the former is of course very well known in English boxing circles, especially in connection with the annual Army and Navy Championships. It, however, may be mentioned that Darley was Featherweight Champion of the Army and Navy, 1908, 1909, Winner of Featherweight Championship Cup N.S.C., 1909. Featherweight Champion Irish Army, 1914. Harris is better known in Indian Army Boxing, and has a great reputation, he has held the Feather-weight Championship of India 1910, 1912, 1913 and 1914. This tournament aroused a tremendous amount of interest, and approximately 1,000 turned the stile, supported by at least 70 of the commissioned rank. The civilian popu-

lation was also well represented. The big event turned out to be a grandly contested fight, and went the full 20 rounds. Both men had trained hard and conscientiously, as was very apparent from the amount of punishment meted out by each. was of the very highest order, and it has been said by many patrons who were present who have witnessed boxing in India for the last 25 years, that a better featherweight contest has not been seen in the country. The result was in Harris's favour, he undoubtedly is a first rate boxer, and shewed great cleverness, especially against a boxer of Darley's ability, and great credit is due to him in securing the verdict. The margin of points must have been a very small one indeed. Negotiations are in progress for a return encounter, and will probably materialize in about eight weeks time. The officials for the contest were:—Referee, Staff Farrier Sergeant J. Smith, R.F.A.; judges, Captain Mulliken, Supply and Transport Corps, and Captain Heyman, 121st Pioneers; time-keeper, Captain R. E. Satterthwaite; M.C., Sergt.-Instructor F. J. Lander.

Other results were:

TEN ROUND CONTEST.

Gunner Masters (74th Battery, R.F.A.) beat Corporal Bedfield (5th Battalion The Buffs). Masters, after receiving a hard punch to the jaw set about his man truly like a "master," and applied the "sleeper" 'ere the conclusion of the opening round.

Gunner Gordon (74th Battery, R.F.A.) beat Driver Smith (79th Battery, A.). These lightweights put up a good bout for three rounds when

Gordon applied the draught.

Volunteer Longman (G.I.P. Ry. Volunteers) beat Private Aldred (The Queen's Own). This proved to be a very good bout, the men being very evenly matched. Longman won nicely on points.

Gunner Mills (68th Heavy Battery, R.G.A.) beat Private Dyer (The Queen's Own). Two middleweights, Mills fought at a very fast pace an forced Dyer to quit in round four.

Private Moncur (The Queen's Own) beat Gunner Norton (74th Battery).

R.F.A.). This was a ding-dong battle, and some hard punching was seen science being rather at a discount, but still good to watch.

7TH SERVICE BATTALION.

During the month steady progress has been made in Battalion Training, and we have also done a few days' work in Brigade. These have meant strenuous work and have averaged about 25 Pork pies and cocoa have met with a hearty reception miles a day. Pork pies and cocoa have met with a hearty reception at the close of operations, and the men have swung home in grand style, letting the villages en route know that they are not in the least downhearted, but that they do like a "Snice Spork Spie." The season in this district is very advanced, and there is already a very fine crop of rumours showing above ground. The finest specimen is called "Gallipoli" and (All right, Mr. Censor, not are they word) miles a day. another word)

A series of weekly concerts has been arranged through Messrs. Broadwoods and A. Hays. These have been a great success, and are very much appreciated by all ranks. The new Y.M.C.A. is flourishing, and also helps in providing cheery evenings for the men. A wall clock has been presented to the Y.M.C.A. by the Battalion as a token of our appreiation for their work in this camp.

The chief athletic events of the month have been a couple of cross country runs; the first, run on March 19th, being a Battalion affair, while the second on March 25th, was arranged for the Brigade by the Southern Counties Cross Country Association.

As will be seen from the results published in another column, the Battalion rather "scooped the pool," winning the team race with ten winners out of the first twenty to cross the line, and also claiming the first individual prize and the first officer in. The course was a very stiff one of about seven miles, and the winner had the very good time of 45 minutes 16 seconds to his credit. Battalion Cross Country Race.—March 19th, 1915.

1 Lee.-Corpl. Hollands, C Company; 2 Pte. Wood, D Company; 3 Lieut. Lewin, D Company; 4 Lee.-Corpl. Fuller, A Company; 5 Pte. Collins, A Company; 6 Lieut. Heaton, A Company; 7 Pte. Chapman, A Company, Distance 54 miles. Winner's time 37mins. Wanning Platoon: A Company, No. 4. Team: Ptes. Collins, 5th place; Chapman, 7th; Peerless, 13th; Grayland, 14th; Pearson, 15th; Kingman, 34th; Weller, 36th; Warner, 37th.

55th Infantry Brigalde.—Brigade Cross Country Run, March 25th.

1 7th Royal West Kent Regiment, 103 points; 2 7th Queen's,
228 points; 3 7th Buffs, 246 points; 4 8th East Surreys, 454 points.
Battalion Team—1 Pte. Wood, D Co., time 45min. 16secs.; 5 Lieut.
Russell, A Company; 6 Lieut. Lewin, D Company; 7 Pte. Collins,
A Company; 8 Pte. Beck, A Company; 9 Pte. Mercer, D Company;
12 Pte. Langdon, B Company; 16 Lee-Corpl. Wells, C Company;
19 Pte. Allchorne, B Company; 20 Pte. G. Smith, D Company. Time
47 minutes 59 seconds. Company Teams:—A Company 248; D Company 356; B Company 504; C Company also ran.

A COMPANY.

February has been a month of really hard work. First of all we had a fortnight in the trenches, or rather in entrenching a position on really scientific lines, and although very interesting, not a few found it very hard work at first and were glad it wasn't a very long march home when the day's work was done. Still the exercise worked wonders and at the end of the war, when our soldiering days are o'er, I am confident that every man in the Company will be able to take a navvies' job with confidence if need be.

Battalion training has proceeded steadily since the entrenching operations and we have also had two Brigade duys and really smart the Brigade appeared on the march.

Of course it isn't all work and no play and we had an afternoon last week (18th) for a Battalion run, when A Company showed that in sport as well as everything else, they were well to the fore. They not only had the Platoon with eight men home first (No. 4), but they were easily the best Company in the Battalion. This was only a foretaste of what was to come. On the 25th we had a Brigade run, twelve men from each Company representing the Queen's Own. We were easily the best Battalion in the Brigade and had ten men home in the first twenty. A Company again ex-Queen's Own. We were easily the best Battanon in the Brigade and had ten men home in the first twenty. A Company again excelled and were again top dog. We had the 5th, 7th and 8th places, and altogether had A Company alone represented the Battalion, the Queen's Own would only have been beaten for first place in the Brigade by a few points. We led the second Company (D Company) by 125 points, so that A Company is very much alive.

B COMPANY.

A month's Battalion Training — the scurrying snowdrifts of Adjutant's parades in the grey of dawn, the fervid route marches, when the transport waggon must seem near and Purfleet very far, the manifold and murderous conflicts waged with that six-headed and serpentine, invulnerable and invincible foe, the Pole Target, with its nine attendant legions of umpires, the chilly vigils of outposts as unrelieved as their feelings, and all the other trials and tribulations of this life—in all this there is much that is solid, if you will, but nothing to look back on. And in this connection one might be pardoned perhaps, in the light of remembered Orderly Rooms, for misquoting an ancient adage: "Happy are the Companies which have no history." "Quorum pars magna."

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Yet, after all, the claims of B need not be quite so modest. The best section in the Battalion in one of the two miniature range competitions so far decided, was ours; which same section only narrowly failed to secure first place in the other competition, as well.

And what, moreover, of the Company which after a whole week spent "integer vitae sulerisque purus," was in generous recognition of its unspotted Minor Offence Reports, allowed to migrate en masse and spend a week end at home in the odour of supremest sanctity. And now, when—whether we believe our Divisional Commander's forecast, leading us North to Colchester, or incline to the ominous whispers of the brewing interest, portending Salisbury and the West—the day seems near when Israel shall return to its tents and our tin tabernacles on the Serbonian bog of Purfleet behold us no more—it might be said that, as Major-General Maxse feared, we have taken root here too long and too much. Perhaps: but we shall wonder, if from those roots of a half-year's growing there does not prove to have sprung a harvest which sundry gentry oversea shall one day find acutely indigestible. And what, moreover, of the Company which after a whole week

C COMPANY.

We have little to record this month. We are all very busy with Battalion training, itermingled with an occasional Brigade Day. We managed to beat B Company in the Football Final by 4—0, but the game was really quite even. Luck was on our side. The game was quite fast and many of us who had done little running of late felt it. While talk— of running we may mention the Battalion Cross Country Run, which was won by Lee-Corpl. Hollands of our company. We had quite a good boxing tournament after the football match—just a Company affair. Although the boxing was not always perfect, it was keen and interesting. The Drummers of the Company seem to practice the "noble art" a good deal. There were many evidences of the show on the next day in the shape of black eyes, etc., but in spite of these we hope to have another tournament shortly. We carefully refrain from writing arlything of a Brigade Cross Country Run which took place on March 25th. There are reasons for our silence.

8TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Training has been going on as usual since my last budget to you, and nothing out of the ordinary has happened to excite us, until the last few days—we feel a move is about to take place, where and when we do not know—at any rate we are disposing of surplus ballast, I mean kit, and we have already told the people of Worthing that we are about to leave them in a few days, and thanking them for their many kindnesses in our billets and at various functions, and for the way they have received as generally. It came a bit unexpectedly to them, and after four months of our company they all say they are very sorry to lose us, and hope to meet us all again soon. I've heard on very good authority that several of our fellows have pledged themselves to spend their holidays here "after the war," and you would not be surprised at this either if you walked along the sea front after church parade on a fine Sunday—I did not meet a single lady who was not escorted by a soldier in khaki—the few civilians who are left don't stand an earthly. Our stay in Worthing has been most enjoyable. The men have worked hard, and are efficient. It is a good sight to see them at Battalion drill. looking very smart in their khaki and all very fit.

A Transport Class has been carried on under Lieut. S. R. Paul, and one or two slight casualties have occurred, but not of a serious nature. We understand that some of the men who attended this class have been unable to sit down to their meals. We wonder why!!!

The following extract is from a letter received from Major P. M. Robinson, commanding the 1st Battalion in France, and it pleases us to know that our gift was appreciated so much:—"The enamel mugs have arrived, and have been issued to the men, who are delighted to get them. I do not think you could possibly have given us anything which we could appreciate more."

A Grand Brigade Concert in aid of the Red Cross Hospital took place at the Kursaal, Worthing, on Wednesday, 18th March, and iudging by the crowded audience, must have proved a very great financial success. Amongst other local military talent, a piccolo solo by Sergeant Hibbert, 8th Royal West Kent, and an impersonation by Sergeant Atchison. of the same Regiment, of Sam Mayo in "At a minute to seven last night," were items that were very deservedly well applauded. "One of the most noteworthy entertainments ever given in Worthing," says the local Press.

9TH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

I am afraid I shall be accused of want of originality when I say that the 9th Battalion still occupies its time digging trenches. Nevertheless the fact remains, and as such must be noted. Perhaps it is the feeling of spring in the air which makes one feel unusually optimisic but there is a tendency throughout all ranks of the Battalion to hope that ere long we shall be considered to know enough about trenches and be given a little more variation in our work. True we have had a little break in the monotony in

the form of courses of instruction on various branches of military work and the following are the most important of these:

— The Hythe School of Musketry has been attended by several officers and non-commissioned officers. There is also a second batch of subalterns at the garrison course at Lower Barracks, Chatham, another subaltern has spent a pleasant fortnight at Chelsea, whilst others are having special instruction on engineering. Besides these we are sending officers and N.C.O.'s to Gravesend daily to attend a course of general instruction and courses on musketry and signalling, and one or two N.C.O.'s are at Aldershot for physical training instruction.

During the past month a draft of about 250 men has left us to join the Third Battalion, and we have also lost Lieut. E. V. Williams, who has been transferred to the 6th Battalion.

It is encouraging to learn that one hundred of the very newest pattern rifles are now safely ensconced in the Quartermaster's Stores, so we cannot feel totally neglected.

On 27th March a cross country run of about seven miles took place, each Company seuding a team of ten men, the teams being captained (I nearly said "led!") by the following:—A Company, Second Lieut. Eustace; B Company, Second Lieut. Fry; D Company, Second Lieut. Willis (C Company's captain was unable to run).

The start and finish was at the Battalion's headquarters. The officials were: Judge, Lieut-Colonel Burt; Starter, Major Annesley; timekeeper, Acting Sergt.Major McVicar.

The result proved to be as follows: A Company, 91 points; D Company, 66; C Company, 40; and B Company, 13.

At first; sight it would appear that B Company were not runners of the same class as their opponents, but it will be realised by anyone conversant with the Garrison Order to the effect that no body of troops may move without sending out advance and rearguard, that B Company must have sportingly undertaken to act as rearguard on this occasion!

Our thanks are due to Rev. H. Johnson, the instigator of this interesting contest, for the trouble he took in the matter, and also to Mrs. Green for so kindly disributing the handsome prizes (22 in mumber), which were generously presented by some of the residents of St. John's Parish, Chatham. The Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Johnson most kindly presented a match football for the team that won most points.

We have played some more football matches since the last notes were written, the Dublin Fusiliers getting their revenge for our defeat of them on 10th March (the margin being the same, namely two goals to one), the match being played at Sittingbourne.

On 3rd April we again met the Dublins on Chatham Football Ground, and a very interesting game resulted. At one period it looked as though we were going to prove easy winners, as the score stood 3—1 in our favour. However, the Irishmen came along well at the finish and, though perhaps we were a bit unfortunate in having a goal from a penalty scored against us, we ultimately had to be content with a drawn game—three goals all, so that it still remains to be decided which Battalion can claim superiority.

On 14th April we are billed to play a return match against the 3rd Battalion, and we are eagerly hoping to avenge our previous defeat.

At the end of March our Rugger team paid a second visit to the "shop," at Woolwich, and managed to come out victorious by the good margin of seven tries (21 points) to one try and one penalty goal (6 points). In this game the superior staying powers of our side were manifested, as at half time the score read six points all. However, during the second half our team combined well, and five tries were added, so that a possible defeat was soon changed to an overwhelming victory. Our next Rugby fixture is against a scratch team from Sheerness which is likely to test our capabilities pretty highly.

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We have recently started a drum and bugle band. Major Boucher and his son have very kindly lent us four side drums and a big drum, and also thour bugles. Then we also have eight service bugles, a private bugle and a cornet, a guard's pattern side drum and a kettle drum; and we are daily expecting another guards pattern side drum, some flutes, to say nothing of a triangle.

The Band has taken us to church on several occasions. They are in charge of Sergeant E. Collins, late Sergeant Drummer of the 1st Battalion, and their music is most satisfactory and highly appreciated

It has been suggested that in recognition of the work the Battalion has done in its entrenching operations a crest should be designed for its especial use, and our heraldic expert has worked out the following: Two spades rampant on a field dirty, surmounted by crossed picks." This is generally agreed to be fairly symbolical, though one critic was heard to mutter that the bar sinister should "traverse" the field.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Captain C. W. Case-Morris is in command of the Depot 2nd Battalion at Nasirabad.

Captain W. F. Helmore, 4th South Stafford, late a Lieutenant in the Royal West Kent Regiment, is at the Front attached to 1st Battalion South Staffords.

The 1st South Midland Infantry Brigade, of which Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., is Brigade Major, has joined the Expeditionary

Major P. H. Dundas, 6th Jat Light Infantry, has been awarded the D.S.O. He served with the 1st Battalion at Meerut in 1893 on first obtaining his commission.

* * Lieutenant P. F. Wilberforce Bell had the honour of being received by His Majesty on March 24th, when the King decorated him with the Military Cross.

Brigadier-General E. A. Grove, C.B., requests us to state that his appointment is that of "Inspector No. 2 Lines of Communication," and not as described in our February issue.

No. 8406 Private T. A. Craine, D Company, 2nd Battalion, begs to thank all his old comrades for their kind enquiries, which are too numerous to answer personally, and he is pleased to inform them that the doctors hope that he will eventually quite recover, after being on his back for two years.

* Lieutenant A. S. Bredon has been promoted Captain, temporary from October 30th. 1914, substantive from November 24th, 1914.

Major E. V. O. Hewett has been appointed to the command of the 6th Battalion South Vales Borderers, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

We understand that the 4th Reserve Battalion from Chattenden has relieved the 5th Reserve Battalion on the Thames Defences. The former have recently completed a course of musketry on the Borstal Ranges.

Major E. F. Venables has been appointed to the command of the 6th Battalion, with the temporary rank of Lieut-Colonel. Major H. C. W. Beeching succeeds him as second in command. *

The 20th County of London Regiment, Blackheath and Woolwich Battalion (late 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment) has proceeded to France with the 2nd London Division. Capt. E. H. Norman is the Adjutant of the Battalion.

* Captain D. J. Johnston, First Battalion, is now doing duty with the 7th Battalion.

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The Illustrated London News have issued a Special Number, entitled "Great War Deeds," which contains 29 paintings, price 2s. 6d. No. 9 is by A. C. Michael, a picture of the Regiment, with the following title:—"The Royal West Kents proving once again that if given a job, they will do it, by callantly holding a road at a critical time." It is a most spirited picture, and well worth framing, and should be in the possession of everyone. and should be in the possession of everyone.

The following is a copy of letter (names omitted in deference to the Censor) received by Officer Commanding 1st Battalion:

Dear Robinson,—Yesterday I received a letter from Sir—saying Sir—had told him that General—reported that he had never seen Battalions with more go and spirit than those of the 13th Brigade, or ones that gave more complete confidence.

Sir — wishes me to tell you how proud and delighted he is, and to congratulate you, and all your officers, N.C.O.'s and men.

Everyone says it is all right now that these two Brigades have arrived. Every bit of work now put in will be for the safety of the Army, as there is little doubt that sooner or later a big struggle will take place in this area.

will take place in this area.

I am writing to Sir —, assuring him that his confidence will not be misplaced as far as the 13th Infantry Brigade is concerned.—
Yours sincerely,

27th February, 1915.

Colonel G. W. Maunsell has been transferred from the command of the Depot to the command of a Large Rest Camp (not a General Base Depot, as stated in our last issue) "Somewhere in France," and Captain J. Lees, Adjutant of the Depot, proceeds with him as Adjutant.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been granted commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regiment: Color-Sergeant A. C. Hart, Company Sergeant Major F. W. Croucher.

The following officers have been ordered to report themselves for duty as under: Lieut. P. F. Wilberforce Bell to 7th Battalion; Lieut. H. B. Haydon White, D.S.O., and Captain A. S. Hewitt to Third Battalion.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following Second Battalion Note: -

It appears that our 2nd Battalion have been in action in the East. They came in for a slight skirmish in the Persian Gulf about three weeks ago, and were under fire from the Turkish artillery at a range of about two miles, but without any casualties. This is the only fighting so far known which the 2nd Battalion has figured in as a Battalion.

As also for THE TALE OF A MOUTH ORGAN: -

A mouth organ. "Magic Harp," conspicuously branded "Made in Germany." has recently been received by X.X. of the 1st Royal West Kents. Attached was a note which bore the following:—

"The enclosed greatly desires to return to its Native Land. We think we cannot do better than send it to our West Kent men to show it the way.

I promise the giver that it shall never know the meaning of "retire." It will always go forward with the old county regiment, landing finally from whence it came at a time which we think is not far distant.

It may interest the giver to know that the first tune squeezed out of the "old lump of wood with a tin overcoat" was "Homeland, Homeland, when shall I see you again?" on which 49 Men of Kent stood up and sang with one accord:-

> "It's a long way to Tipperary, It's a long way we know, It's a long way to Tipperary, A place where you'll never go! Good-bye, muddy Belgium, It's a last farewell we swear, In a very short time we shall cross the Rhine, And you'll be right there!

> > -GEORGE WASHINGTON.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of April:--

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Major F. J. Joslin.
Captain C, T. Tuff.
Lieutenant C. M. Payton.
Lieutenant P, W. Bradley.
Lieutenant G. R. Daubeney.
Second Lieutenant E. B. Walker.
Second Lieutenant J. Craston.
Second Lieutenant B. C. K. Job.
Second Lieutenant F. W. Croucher.

WOUNDED.

Second Lieutenant H. S. Doe.
Second Lieutenant H. A. Poland.
Second Lieutenant H. F. Westmacott.
Second Lieutenant J. E. Liebenrood.
Second Lieutenant W. R. Cobb.
Second Lieutenant G. D. Borland.
Second Lieutenant S. T. L. Maunder.
Second Lieutenant E. A. Sharpin.

Major F. J. Joslin, except for the last few months when he was acting as second in command in the 1st Battalion, passed the whole of his service in the 2nd Battalion. He arrived in France with the Indian Expeditionary Force, and was employed on the Staff at the Base. All who knew him would realize that such employment would be distasteful to him, and he was quick to seize the opportunity of joining the 1st Battalion at the Front. He was killed in the action at Hill 60 near St. Eloi. A clever, capable, energetic officer, with great force of character, he did excellent service in the South African war as Subaltern to Captain (now Colonel) A. Martyn, who speaks most highly of him. He was Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, and a graduate of the Staff College, Quetta. A cheery comrade and a gallant officer whom we can ill afford to lose.

2nd Lieutenant E. B. Walker was only gazetted to the Regiment last January from the Special Reserve of the Dorset Regiment. He was an exceptionally capable officer, resourceful, and full of go and grit. He will be much missed.

2nd Lieutenant F. W. Croucher only recently received his commission and joined the 1st Battalion on April 25th. He

serve & in the Boer War, and was promoted on the field from Corpo ral to Colour-Sergeant for conspicious bravery. He was later Acting Sergt.-Major of the Kent Cyclist Battalion. He was a smart keen soldier, and inspired great confidence, and will be a great loss to the regiment.

Captain Cecil Thomas Tuff originally joined the 3rd Battalion on March 25th, 1905, but resigned July 27th, 1910. He then took to farming and lived near Rochester. When the war broke out he was one of the first to come back to his old Corps and he did much good service with the 3rd Battalion, both as acting Quarter-Master and as a Company Commander. He left to join the 1st Battalion on November 22nd, and so saw a lot of fighting before he met his death. We can well understand the terms of affection and admiration with which he is spoken of by those who served with him at the front. Very quiet in his manner, he was popular with all and was very sound in all that he did. He was educated at Malvern and was a cricketer above the average. His father was at one time M.P. for Rochester.

Lieutenant Charles Mervyn Payton had been in the 3rd Battalion since 3rd December, 1910. He was a son of Sir Charles Payton, M.V.O. (who was for many years the British Consul at Calais) and so had spent a great deal of his life abroad. He spoke French perfectly and had a knowledge of other languages. For the last year or so he had been seconded and had held an appointment at Singapore. He came home as soon as he could after the outbreak of the war, and was desperately keen to go to the Front. He went out at the end of January and we hear that he did very well.

Lieutenant Phillip Warden Bradley was another of the old 3rd Battalion officers who came back. He originally served from March, 1906, to August, 1909. When the war broke out he was in South America. He was the son of Brigadier General Bradley, who is now a prisoner of war in Germany, who will be remembered as the Brigadier when the 1st Battalion was in Dover. He left the 3rd Battalion for the 1st on Jan. 1st, and was made transport officer of the 1st Battalion. He will be remembered in the 3rd Battalion as a cheery and capable officer who was always quite ready to tackle any job that came along.

Lieut. Giles Robert Daubeney was gazetted to the 3rd Battalion on August 15th last from the Cambridge University O.T.C. He joined the 1st Battalion on January 24th. The son of the Rev. G. Daubeney, Vicar of Herne, he was 19 years old. With both the 3rd and 1st Battalions he showed the greatest promise, undertook responsibility with perfect coolness, and had a quiet efficiency that must have brought him to success either in the army or elsewhere.

Second Lieutenant John Craston was for six years a member of the staff of the "Daily Mail." He had experience in the Yeomanry, and enlisted last September in the

"Artists." He received his commission in the 3rd Battalion on October 27th and joined the 1st Battalion on March 4th. We understand that he was wounded in the early stages of the fighting upon Hill 60, when his loss must have been particularly regrettable, for he had not only acquired much proficiency as a soldier, but was of a forceful, sanguine and dominating character, which at this or any crisis must have given him a special value.

Second Lieutenant Bernard Craig Keeble Job was gazetted to the 3rd Battalion on November 1st of last year. previously served in the ranks of the Liverpool Scottish. He joined the 1st Battalion on March 31st, and was killed towards the beginning of the fighting for Hill 60. He will be remembered for his fine qualities as an officer, and most affectionately in the 3rd Battalion, because he was a man who could not be known without being liked, and liked the better the better he was known.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the casualty list from April 1st to 30th, 1915:

DIED.

8898 Pte. C. Bragg

6646 Pte. S. Foley

KILLED IN ACTION.

8702 Pte. C. Barr	8173 Pte. J. Haggerty
8392 Pte. W. Bennett	8387 Pte. E. Howard
9170 Pte. E. Abnett	8049 Pte. W. Harding
8398 Pte. A. Cumnock	7158 Pte. A. Monckton
10356 Pte. F. Dowdall	8670 Pte. C. Monday
10297 Pte. H. Dellon	10573 Pte. D. Roberts
8674 Sergt. W. File	9235 Pte. J. White
9150 Pte. H. Goden	9141 Pte. A. Warren
7273 Pte. W. Gallyer	6327 Pte. J. Watts
10007 Pte. A. Handscombe	

WOUNDED.

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10033 Pte G Barnes	7705 Pto T Ctone
6182 LcCorpl. S. Arnold	8151 Pto A Streetlers
8998 Pte R Ashdown	9067 Die T. Chem
8415 Pte D Cross	See I.a. Corni II Corno
9607 Corpl. N. Catchpole	8954 Pto A Door
7940 Pte. T. Collyer	9718 Dto A Torreton
10283 LoCorpl. J. Bull	10089 Pto G Filiatt
9248 Pte. A. Beeching	10286 Pte T Vidlor
9733 Pte. A. Flash	10330 Le Corni & Emery
9760 Pte. R. Fowler	10552 Le Corni C Whyman
8272 Pte. A. Bennett	7261 Serot D Wright
7534 Pte. J. Bonds	10191 Corpl J Figher
8177 Pte. P. Ging	8725 Pto G Frentt
7424 Pte. W. Bellfield	9068 Pte. G. Fawell
10122 Pte. W. Bass	10340 Pte E Fearna
8108 Pte. J. Howick	10337 Pte C Harris
9024 Pte. J. Hayes	8657 Pte. H. Hawking
7665 Pte. J. Hines	9912 Pte. W. Harris
8383 Pte. J. Hutton	10457 Pte. L. Hanstead
4469 Pte. J. Henderson	6369 Corpl. J. Knight
10463 Pte. H. Hart	6009 Pte. H. Loader
9218 Pte. H. Bates	6673 Pte. J. Lea
7915 Sergt, F. Cannon	9038 Pte. A. McCabe
8488 Pte, E. Leeves	9215 Pte. W. Melloy
7812 LcCorpl. E. Cheesman	8919 Pte. W. Mead
8551 LcCorpl. H. Molford	10334 Pte. H: Martin
5308 Sergt. E. Michie	4177 Sergt. A. Mills
6559 Pte. T. Mutton	6619 Pte. J. Mahoney
9419 Sergt, McCormick	10500 Pte. W. Norman
cool Die To Cairle	9107 Pte. A. Puttick
oge Die F Opensham	8928 Pte. S. Palmer
7407 Pto W Duffin	7758 Pte. A. Parker
10406 Pto T Poppeop	8816 Pte. W. Robinson
10993 Pta W Ponfold	9032 Pte. W. Searle
8839 Pte J Potter	8207 Pte. F. Stevens
9229 Pto F Dorke	10264 Pte. G. Tomlinson
8825 Pte A Roweliffe	7871 Pte A. Wood
7800 LcCornl W Rogers	8641 Pte. W. Stringer 7705 Pte. J. Stone 8151 Pte. A. Streetley 9267 Pte. J. Shaw 8666 LcCorpi. H. Sonnex 8954 Pte. A. Dean 9718 Pte. A. Taynton 10032 Pte. G. Elliott 10286 Pte. T. Vidler 10390 LcCorpl. A. Emery 10552 LcCorpl. C. Whyman 7261 Sergt. D. Wright 10191 Corpl. J. Fisher 8725 Pte. G. Fryatt 9068 Pte. G. Fryatt 9068 Pte. G. Fewell 10337 Pte. E. Fearne 10337 Pte. E. Fearne 10337 Pte. C. Harris 8657 Pte. H. Hawkins 9912 Pte. W. Harris 10457 Pte. L. Hanstead 6369 Corpl. J. Knight 6009 Pte. H. Loader 6678 Pte. J. Lea 9038 Pte. A. McCabe 9215 Pte. W. Melloy 8919 Pte. W. Melloy 8919 Pte. W. Mesd 10334 Pte. H. Martin 4177 Sergt. A. Mills 6619 Pte. J. Mahoney 10500 Pte. W. Norman 9107 Pte. A. Puttick 8928 Pte. S. Palmer 7758 Pte. A. Parker 8816 Pte. W. Robinson 9032 Pte. W. Searle 8207 Pte. F. Stevens 10264 Pte. G. Tomlinson 7871 Pte A. Wocham 9841 Acting Sergt. F. Williams 5573 Pte. J. Woodham
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8939 Pte. G. Dursley	9941 Acting Couct II True
9099 Sergt, C. Shaw	5579 Dto T Washing
	oold Eve. J. WOODINAM

N.B.—The losses at Hill 60 and subsequent actions amongst N.C.O.'s and men have not yet been reported.

PRESENT LIST.

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Captain J. H. Stokes was shown in our last issue in both the killed and wounded lists. His name has now been removed from the latter.

Total all casualties amongst Officers	••	••	62
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N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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	Grand	total all ranks		1285

N.B.--" Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds."

PRISONERS OF WAR.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following list compiled by Mr. J. K. Spoor, of Rede, Rochester, of men of the Regiment who are Prisoners of War in Germany:—

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Pte. J. Allen, 10079, Parchim i M.	Pte. J. Grady, 6729, Doberitz.
	Pte. A. Graham, 7878, Gottingen.
Pte. J. Ashton, 10002, Doberitz.	Lia. V. Gianam, 1019, Gormingen.
Pte. J. Arnold, 9748, Sennelager.	Pte. M. Hopkins, 7275, Doberitz. Pte. J. Hemmings, 9888, Doberitz. Pte. G. Homewood, 7353, Doberitz.
Pte. J. Allen, 7953, Gottingen. Pte. J. Bain, 9480, Mulheim. Pte. G. Blackeby, 6714, Lindlenberg. LcCpl. D. Bresnahan, 8779, Linberg. Pta R. Rakar, 10031, Ducsaidorf.	Pte. J. Hemminge, 9888, Doberitz.
Pte. J. Bain. 9480. Mulheim.	Pte. G. Homewood, 7353, Doberitz.
Pto G Blockoby 6714 Lindlenborg	Pto H Hilton 0548 Dobowitz
To Cal D. Drangelon, 0070 Tinkens	D4. 7 Hand 7000 Dalasita
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Pte. R. Baker, 10031, Dusseldorf.	Pte. F. Hayward, 7586, Gottingen.
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Pte G Bishon 7752 Doberitz	Pte J. Hart 7639 Gottingen
Dto A Dochford 7700 Dohamita	Pte. W. Handyside, 7810, Walm bei
Log. W. Destroid, 1100, Dopetitz.	
Pte. H. Bullard, 5918, Gottingen.	Colm.
Pte. G. Bishop, 7752, Doberitz. Pte. A. Bashford, 7780, Doberitz. Pte. H. Bullard, 5918, Gottingen. Pte. G. Bristow, 5783, Gottingen.	Pte. W. Hay, 7899, Munsterlager.
Pte. F. Brockwell, 9305, Walm bei	Pte. W. Harrison, 9811, Erfurt.
Coln.	C.S.M. A. Hutchings, 8024, Wesal
	(Khld).
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Coln.	Lc. Cpl. J. Jobson, 10018, Buleford.
Pte. W. Bourne, 8640, Walm bei Coln.	Pte. G. Johnson, 9859, Gottingen,
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NOMINAL ROLL OF OLD SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN'S OWN below the Rank of Corporal, who have voluntarily re-enlisted since the date of Mobilization, showing the Battalion in which they are at present serving. It is not possible to include men now serving with the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

3rd BATTALION.

5 Pte, J. Rose
17 Pte, E. Norman
49 Pte, F. Crawley
65 Lc.-Corpl, B. Sands
93 Pte, H. Tickner
108 Pte, H. Tickner
108 Pte, T. Stapleton
114 Pte, H. Carpenter
148 Pte, T. Hill
175 Pte, C. Town
197 Pte, H. Harrold
213 Pte, E. Harrety
223 Pte, A. Thrussel
240 Pte, H. Moore
256 Pte, J. Biggs
262 Pte, W. Thirling
274 Pte, F. Smith
308 Pte, H. Cheesman
338 Pte, J. Butler
363 Pte, H. Hillier
378 Pte, T. Murphy
387 Pte, G. Edwards
395 Pte, J. Russell
416 Pte, S. Aggersburg
466 Pte, G. Francis 4774 Pte. F. Groombridge
4818 Lc.-Corpl. W. Bellingham
5008 Pte. F. Weight
5151 Pte. J. Metcalfe
5203 Pte. J. Sales
5276 Pte. A. Best
5393 Pte. J. Patrick
5429 Pte. W. Cooper
16 Pte. D. Martin
40 Pte. W. Grant
51 Pte. G. Brandon
74 Pte. T. Knight
97 Pte. W. Wright
110 Pte. E. White
120 Acting Corpl. J. Brocks
172 Pte. G. Abnett
181 Pte. A. Brandon
201 Pte. H. Agambar
214 Pte. E. Day
232 Pte. C. Johns
249 Pte. P. Neville
259 Pte. J. Prebble
268 Pte. T. Hodnett
281 Pte. J. Bristow
Cop Pte. F. Gower
350 Pte. A. Kingswood
365 Pte. M. Chappell
380 Pte. J. Henry
406 Pte. W. Frickey
418 Lc.-Corpl. E. Lamm
452 Pte. P. Chappell
457 Pte. H. Jones
471 Acting Corpl. E. Day
482 Pte. A. Marler
577 Pte. W. Wood
605 Pte. R. Groombridge
664 Pte. A. Stevens
699 Pte. J. Vailins
811 Pte. E. Rowe
851 Pte. E. Baker
875 Pte. W. Caine
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1104 Pte. H. Barber
1123 Pte. G. Pope
1128 Pte. E. Willcox
1139 Pte. R. Heath
1155 Pte. W. Draper Pte. J. Russell
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Pte. G. Francis
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49 Pte. E. Smith

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913 Pte. J. Pendry

942 Pte. T. Hampton

973 Acting Corpl. J. Hamilton

989 Pte. J. Russell

1008 Pte. W. Saltmarsh

1016 Pte. W. Grainger

1029 Lc. Corpl. C. Turner

1055 Pte. G. Ford

1074 Pte. C. Wood

1096 Pte. C. Burton

1108 Pte. H. Hollman

1127 Pte. G. Ward

1138 Pte. J. Hill

1151 Pte. R. Miles

1158 Pte. S. King

1182 Pte. J. Evans

1218 Pte. J. Canning

1239 Pte. A. Podger

2355 Pte. G. Rogers

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4395 Pte. F. Colley

4625 Pte. R. Rose

4644 Pte. A. Andrews

1165 Pte. G. Humphries
1213 Pte. F. Bridge
1227 Pte. A. Kain
1240 Pte. J. Clutterbuck
2634 Pte. T. Birch
4399 Pte. A. Castle
4456 Pte. J. Wade
4626 Pte. A. Butterworth
4660 Pte. H. Spenceley
4797 Pte. G. King
4870 Pte. F. Baker
5041 Pte. J. Thompson
5158 Pte. J. Preen
5206 Pte. J. Lee
5289 Pte. E. Bingham
5407 Pte. W. Ticehurst
5430 Pte. F. Scotford
218 Pte. J. Hurley
43 Pte. W. Ticehurst
530 Pte. E. Brown
105 Pte. W. Jones
113 Pte. C. Brown
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113 Pte. F. Reuben
134 Pte. J. Kirby
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193 Pte. E. Driver
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4239 Pte. C. Bowles
4384 Pte. W. Hasler
4483 Pte. J. Baldwin
4662 Lc.-Corpl. S. Ely
4798 Pte. E. Brigden
4937 Pte. G. Burr
5500 Pte. J. Slade
5172 Pte. J. Purcell
5246 Pte. A. Collins
5258 Pte. E. Jenner
5420 Pte. W. Creasey
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5536 Pte. A. Stillman
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5764 Pte. C. Blackwell
5897 Pte. A. Clarke
5974 Pte. H. Gosling
6054 Pte. J. Naylor
6107 Pte. A. Clarke
5507 Pte. J. Wright
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26 Pte. D. Murphy	298 Pte. J. D. Maloney
29 Pte. H. C. Yates	300 Pte. J. H. Carter
42 Pte. F. T. Holmes	302 Pte. W. C. S. Brome
98 Pte. E. E. Neville	304 Pte. J. A. Moser
101 Pte. E. Pronger	322 Pte. F. Cruckshank
127 Pte. T. W. Scott	236 Pte. H. J. Sears
200 Pte. T. A. Carden	337 Pte. C. N. Ingersoll
220 Pte. B. McGarry	244 Pte. J. Howard
221 Pte J. Duff	347 Pte. W. Clarke
248 Pte. W. Miller	348 Pte. J. Haines
205 Pte. W. Furness	354 Pte. A. Brooker
252 Pte, R. J. Parker	381 Pte. F. Clarke
257 Pte. E. A. Toovey	405 Pte. C. Sutton
264 Pte. A. V. Lloyd	427 Pte. A. Richardson
265 Pte. J. Maybank	429 Pte. W. Moon
266 Pte. W. Weller	431 Pte. A. Churchill
287 Pte. J. Bailey	4465 Pte. S. Barrow

7th BATTALION.

2168 LcCorpl. C. Cork	4099 Pte. A. Pearcey
2019 LeCorpl. W. Connor	4213 Pte. J. Larkin
4615 LcCorpl. W. Edwards	4697 Pte. Paine
2455 Pte. Harwood	3908 Pte. W. Murphy
1600 Pte. J. Bryant	2809 Pte. G. R. Hawker
4068 Pte. J. Summers	2470 Pte. Grimwade
Pte. J. Crouch	6323 Pte. E. Larking
Pte. J. Rolls	4575 Pte. G. Ham
2654 Pte. A. Paine	3113 Pte. C. Ham
4854 Pte. Stocks	628 Pte. W. Bower
2319 Pte. J. Grundy	Pte. R. J. Wood
4819 Pte. J. E. Pitcher	

8th BATTALION. 703 Pte. F. Angel 706 Pte. R. Molder 539 Pte. R. Goodfellow 718 Pte. T. Moore 605 Pte. J. Penfold 512 Pte. H. Humphrey 721 Pte C. Drinkwater 782 Pte. P. Pope 786 Pte. W. Packer 503 Pte. A. Bryant 774 Lc. Corpl. A. Shaw 301 Pte J. Murphy 657 Pte. A. Lovegrove 2688 Pte. H. Dangerfield 742 Pte. J. Evans 677 Pte. C. West 369 Pte. D. Sullivan 821 Pte. W. Cockburn 4281 Pte. W. Cockburn 4281 Pte. G. Stratton 937 Pte. T. Thompson 3429 Pte. F. Stillman 5051 Lc. Sergt, P. J. Payne 820 Corpl H. Bentley

9th BATTALION.

3966 Pte. J. Coles	781 Pte. A. Seamons
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1190 Pte. E. May	346 Pte. R. Stallion
1187 Pte. J. Smith	001 Die C Cimilai
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1098 Pte. C. Burke	306 Pte. R. McCarthy
375 Pte. T. Butler	895 Pte, T. Ring
377 Pte. J. Dewing	397 Pte. T. Stacpool
404 Pte. H. Dryden	487 Pte. C. Reed
907 Pte. J. Frostick	451 Pte. E. Westwood
1053 Pte. E. Gardiner	533 Pte. E. Sullivan
941 Pte. C. Groves	36 Pte. W. Pattenden
371 Pte. J. Betts	4314 Pte. H. Corrie
1084 Pte. J. Beasley	1189 Pte. E. Millis
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227 Pte. D. Finnigan	1198 Pte. W. Allen
1092 Pte. L. Carroll	1210 Pte. R. Thompson
386 Pte. J. Carroll	4296 Pte. F. Denton
988 Pte. G. Cooper	. 150 Pte. G. Ambrose
1195 Pte. W. Dufoy	971 Pte. J. Arnold
538 Pte. W. Hammond	991 Pte. C. Baulk
69 Pte. J. Hebburn	834 Pte. F. Glover
903 Pte. S. Head	965 Pte. J. Gradwell
527 Pte. R. Hall	463 Pte. J. Harley
477 Pte. G. Lear	921 Pte. T. Newman
1207 Pte. Sanham	1070 Die W Chimefeld
110° Die T Tiene	1076 Pte. W. Shingfield
1185 Pte. J. Jipps	979 Pte. E. Slicer
847 Pte. J. Carter	435 Pte. E. Waterhouse
459 Pte. T. Waddingham	

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the seventh list of donations received by Officer Commanding Depot in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

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Comforts sent to 1st Battalion since March 29th.

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April 7th.			
1 Parcel, containing		2	Footballs, etc.
8 Parcels, containing		57	Shirts and 15 Towels.
2 Parcels, containing		29	Pants.
6 Parcels, containing			Pairs Socks.
1 Parcel, containing			Vests.
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2 Parcels, containing		13	Boxes Ointment.
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6 Bales, containing .		100	Shirts, Towels, etc.
April 10th.			
10 Periscopes.			
4 Periscope Mirrors.			
April 26th.			
8 Parcels, containing		96	Shirts.
6 Parcels, containing			Pairs Socks.
May 1st.		-	
262 Respirators			

First list of Comforts sent to the 2nd Battalion.

March 26th. April 16th.	15,000 Cigarettes.
	1,008 Leather Laces. 576 Shaving Soap.
Sent by request of Officer Commanding Battalion	576 Tooth Brushes. 900 Khaki Handkerchiefs
April 20th.	200 Tins Tooth Powder. 300 Pairs Canvas Shoes.
April 22nd. 8 Parcels	365 Pairs Socks.

Sir H. Smith-Dorrien and 1st Battalion.

Extract from a speech delivered by General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, 13th March, 1915.

"Men of the Royal West Kent Regiment, my reason for coming amongst you to-day is to give some explanation as to why you have been brought to this District.

It has been a difficult matter in the past, when I was only a Army Corps Commander, to visit individual Battalions in the theatre of operations, and I find it more difficult now that I have been placed in a higher command.

You will undoubtedly wish to know why you have been moved from the District where you had settled in comfortable trenches, and while resting in comfortable billets to this part, which is not nearly so comfortable.

The Germans had begun to gain an ascendancy in this part of the line, when it was decided to relieve a portion of the troops, by Brigades which had been out since the war began.

I am happy to be able to tell you that the selection of these Brigades, and of your own Brigade in particular, has justified the move, and that the situation, which was not at any time critical, has been restored, so that we now hold a decided ascendancy over the Germans.

General X in command of this section, has informed me of the good work which has been put into these trenches by your Brigade, and this has greatly helped to strengthen the situation.

When I addressed the Battalion some months ago at Neuve Eglise, I made special mention of the excellent work of your Battalion at Neuve Chapelle, when for ten days it held on to its trenches, and even after the trenches on its left had been lost, it never yielded an inch of ground. All its officers, except two young Subalterns, Lieutenants White and Russell, had been shot down, including the Commanding Officer and Adjutant, yet the Battalion clung tenaciously to its ground without yielding, and how, finally, when it was relieved in the usual way just like an ordinary relief, the lost trenches on its left had not been regained.

This gallant stand of your Battalion will be a proud memory in the years to come, and no unit in the British Army will grudge you the honour which has been bestowed upon you.

There has been a great fight in this particular part, and the village of Neuve Chapelle has been re-taken by the British Forces, but there is one part of this line which has never been re-taken because it was never lost. This was that particular line of trenches which your Battalion so grimly held on to during the terrific ten days I have alluded to.

These particular trenches have been named by the Germans "Port Arthur," so that if you should see any mention of Port Arthur" in the newspaper reports, you will know that it refers to these trenches, so gallantly held by you.

I know that in due course when we are strong enough to drive the enemy back, and you are called upon to take your share in the great day, your Battalion will perform as well as it has already done.

I wish you the best of luck in the future. Good-bye."

The close of the speech was greeted with a tremendous

outburst of spontaneous cheering.

I might here add that the occasion was not made the subject of a parade. Sir Horace walked into the camp and called the men around him, addressing them in the manner of a parent giving kindly advice to his family, a much more popular idea than the one time hollow square in two ranks, which so savoured of the Barrack Square parade.

::: The Fight for Hill 60.:

The Regiment have again covered themselves with glory in the fight for Hill 60, but alas! at a terrible cost. publish the casualties amongst the officers, those amongst the N.C.O.'s and men have not been received, but they are believed to be about 300. The Battalion has been congratulated and patted on the back all round, from the Commander-in-Chief downwards. The following extract from a wire from the Commander-in-Chief to G.O.C. 2nd Army appeared in orders: "I wish particularly to express my warmest admiration for the splendid dash and spirit displayed by the Battalions of the X, Y and Z Brigades, which took part under their respective Commanding Officers. This has been shown in the first seizure of the position by the fine attack of the Royal West Kents and King's own Scottish Borderers, and in the heroic tenacity with which the hill has been held by the Battalions of these Brigades against the most violent counter attacks and terriffic artillery bombardment." And immediately after the assault the following wire was received from the O.C. 2nd Corps: "Well done; many congratulations; was confident you would do it, and am equally confident you will hold position against anything." And from O.C. 13th Brigade: "Hearty congratulations to Royal West Kent; knew you would do it."

Another bright page has certainly been added to the

history of the regiment.

The 1st Battalion was selected as the storming party, and A Company, under Capt. Moulton Barrett, led the assault. The position was taken in brilliant style and without much loss, but the Germans made several counter attacks on the three following days, and it was then that the heavy losses

We append extracts from letters of two officers to a retired officer of the Regiment, as also cuttings from various news-

papers descriptive of the action.

A Staff Officer with the Expeditionary Force writes :-

"Your old Regiment again distinguished themselves, and have been praised for their gallantry in their attack on Hill 60 by Sir H. Smith-Dorrien in 2nd Army Orders. A Brigadier in the 3rd Corps has also told me the Regiment was splendid."

An R. E. Officer also writes as follows:-

"I saw the Hill 60 show the other day from some little distance, the shell fire was an extraordinary sight. I hear the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent have done splendidly, and Several times I have heard what a added to their laurels. magnificent name they have made for themselves. Everyone is full of their praise."

From Weekly Despatch, April 24.

West Kent's Charge.

In a letter from the front a soldier attached to the Advance Headquarters Staff, writing of the capture of Hill 60, says:—German prisoners admitted that the slaughter among the enemy had been terrific owing to the suddenness of our attack. Our casualties were comparatively few. The charge was led by the West Kents—who, I believe, hold the distinction of never having lost a trench—and the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

From Daily Mail, April 26.
Night Lit with Shells. 30 West Kents who held Hill 60.

Many of the men wounded in action on Hill 60 are now back in hospital in this country. By the courtesy of the authorities at the London Hospital, where many of them arrived in the early hours of Sunday morning, a Daily Mail representative was yesterday allowed to talk with

There were none who left the front later than Tuesday last, when the Germans were still making terrible counter-attacks.

Men of the West Kent Regiment were the first to occupy the summit of the Hill after the terrible mine explosions that shattered the German

An hour's artillery bombardment of Hill 60 preceded this explosion, and one company of the West Kents occupied the summit within three minutes afterward at a cost of only four casualties. They swarmed at the steep slope (the hill is about 100ft, high) with fixed bayonets, but the Germans remaining alive there were utterly demoralised. The sight

round the mine craters was ghastly.

Ten minutes after they gained the summit the German artillery bombardment began and soon increased to terrific ferocity. Under the continuous light of star shells all Saturday night till Sunday morning, high explosive, shrapnel, bombs from trench mortars, hand grenades, and bullets from machine guns and rifles searched Hill 60, while the British hastily constructed improvised defences and Maxims and more men-ever more men-were brought up to replace the dead and wounded.

At one time only thirty men of the West Kents held the summit of

the Hill—about 150 yards long—against a German attack.

From Daily Mail April 27.

A member of the Canadian Contingent states:—
"All the next day the trenches which we had captured and held were heavily shelled, but throughout that day reinforcements of our men came up. They had to come up in daylight to secure the advantage of the ground we had gained, but they had to move over flat country and the German guns welcomed them warmly as they came along. Among the regiments which came to support us on that day were the West Kents, the regiment which has never lost a trench. Lieut.-General Alderson, who is in command of the Canadians, is an ex-officer of the Kents, and

we cheered his old regiment heartily as it came up,
"We were all in the fight. I must tell you about two men who did scout work during that charge. In our corps there is a parson, a little man physically, but all pluck. He had emptied his pistol, and with the empty pistol he captured a huge German. There was also our paymaster. He is over sixty, and had never been in action before. He went into the fight with his revolver and his walking-stick, and he did great work with both. He came out with a slight wound, and he refused to go back to

the dressing station.

"On Thursday night when we took up our positions before the German trenches we found that our eyes were streaming. We could not understand what was the matter until we were told that it was the effect of the vapour of the gas bombs the Germans had fired there earlier in Of course we paid heavily for our success,'

From Kent Messenger, April 24.

West Kents at Hill 60. Desperate Fighting. Several Hundred Casualties. Over 50 Killed.

Reports from the Front show the severity of the German counter-attacks last Sunday, after the British had taken the important and comanding Hill 60, near Ypres, on Saturday

The West Kents were fetched out of billets last Friday—two days before their time—to take part in the big battle. Their casualties were very severe, numbering several hundreds, including over 50 killed.

In a letter which was written on Monday to a friend in Maidstone, a non-commissioned officers say: "... The weather was simply splendid, You will no doubt be reading in the papers of the doings of the old Dublin Brigade (the West Kents). They have distinguished themselves again. Our 'friends' got the shock of their lives, and won't forget what they got in a hurry. When the regiment was coming back to the rest camp (after the battle), the reception we got from the other regiments and brigades brought a lump to our throats big enough to choke you—cheers and yells of 'Good old Kents.'
"The way the boys came home you would never have dreamt they

had been in one of the most desperate fights in the world's history. might have thought they were coming home from a circus to hear them singing 'Tipperary,' and all the ragtimes going. You can't help feeling proud of being in the old regiment. No doubt we shall be hearing more about the Kents 'never losing a trench' or anything else they get hold of."

Latest despatches show that by the use of asphyxiating gas (contrary to the Hague Convention which they signed) the Germans have made some advance, though not a serious one; but, in spite of heavy bombardments,

they have utterly failed to re-capture Hill 60.

"Eye Witness present with General Head quarters, says:—"The attack and defence of Hill 60, a mere episode in the British operations, and a very minor occurrence in the whole of the front held by the Allies, will nevertheless go down in history among the finest exploits performed by British troops during the war."

We have received the following account of the attack on Hill 60 from an officer of the Regiment who was present, and is now at home wounded:—

The Attack of Hill 60.

April 17th 1915.

Everybody was very cheerful. We were to rest for eight days provided nothing unforeseen occurred. But, as is usually the case in this country, the unexpected happens.

After two days we were informed that the Battalion had been selected to take Hill 60 in four days hence. In the words of the General:—

"If there is a Battalion in the Army who can do it, it is the Royal West Kent Regiment."

Our rest having been considerably curtailed, it may perhaps be thought that, coming as it did, the news made us a little depressed, but it appeared to have just the opposite effect.

Several, who had been a good time with the Battalion, thought it was just what was wanted and our opportunity had once more arrived to show what we were made of, especially after three months of rather monotonous trench warfare.

The order being given, it remained for the Commanding Officer (Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G.) to make the necessary dispositions, which were as follows:—

"C" Company (Captain Moulton-Barrett) were to be the assaulting party, backed up by "B" Company (2ndLieutenant Walker).

"D" Company (Captain Tuff) in support, and

"A" Company (Captain Lynch White) in reserve.

Major Joslin being in command of the "assault"

The few days which were left were spent in perfecting these arrangements, and it was during these "preliminaries" that one could see the zeal that the men were putting into it.

By Friday, 16th, every company, every platoon, in fact every man knew what he had to do when the time came.

It would seem that the close attention paid to every little detail beforehand, went a long way towards the success with which the attack was carried out.

At 10 p.m., on Friday, 16th, we left the Rest Camp for the trenches, arriving there just before dawn and each company occupied the section allotted to it.

Saturday proved to be quite "peaceful," and it was evident that a surprise was in store for the Germans.

Our artillery, during the afternoon, shelled the enemy's support trenches, and it is thought that their front line was re-inforced in consequence.

At 7 p.m. from the reserve trenches one felt the earth tremble for several seconds. It was then known that the mines had been exploded with effect.

Our artillery were now bombarding the enemy's supports to prevent the arrival of re-inforcements. The assaulting party ("C" Company) immediately rose from their trench, climbed over the parapet, and charged the hill for all they were worth, followed closely by our machine gunners (Lieut. Westmacott) and two companies of the K.O.S.B's, who were detailed, together with some Royal Engineers, as working parties.

"D" Company at once took "C" Company's place in the trench they left. In the same way "D" Company closed up followed by "A" Company.

The crest of the hill was reached with few casualties and "C" Company had the pleasure of receiving two officers and fifteen men as prisoners, being all that remained of those previously in possession of the hill.

The object being attained, the next work was to place it in a state of defence.

It must be mentioned here that the explosion of the mines (six) practically demolished the hill top, and left in its place three huge craters, and one can imagine the difficulties to be overcome before this was accomplished. However, the work was commenced, and with the assistance of the R.E.'s and K.O.S.B.'s previously mentioned, a parapet was built, and communication trenches dug to connect the hill with our former trenches.

It must not be imagined that all this work was allowed to be carried on without opposition from the other side. Such was not the case, and as the night went on so did the intensity of the German artillery increase. The effect of this was also severely felt in the support and reserve trenches.

The night seemed a very short one. Just before dawn the enemy counter-attacked, but were repulsed by C and B Companies, the latter having joined C Company at the top of the hill.

About 2.30 a.m. Sunday morning orders were given for B and C Companies to be relieved by two companies of the K.O.S.B.'s. This was accordingly done, but before all of B Company had left, some were ordered to remain. This accounts for Lieutenant Walker being on the hill at the time of his death.

Within an hour D Company were called up from support, and almost immediately afterwards A Company were ordered up as well.

By this time (4 a.m.) it was quite daylight, and the enemy, having partially recovered from the shock of the previous evening, began to bombard the hill itself, and brought to bear on it every conceivable kind of fire: heavy artillery, howitzers, field guns, machine guns, etc. During this bombardment, some of the Germans crept forward to the bottom of the hill, and threw hand grenades over our parapet. Through all this we were at a great disadvantage, the time during the night not having been sufficiently long to make a strong parapet, in consequence of which it was not bullet proof, which enabled the opposing machine guns to do a good deal of damage.

But fortune favoured us for awhile as regards the enemey's artillery. About 7.30 a.m. one of our aeroplanes hovered over the German lines for nearly an hour (although heavily shelled) during which time the shelling ceased and enabled us to deal with the rifle fire and hand grenades.

Reinforcements were urgently needed, and sent for, and by 8.30 a.m., another battalion arrived, and we who remained, were relieved. By the casualty list it will be seen that our losses were heavy.

The men throughout were "splendid," but our pride is tempered with grief at the loss of so many gallant officers and men.

Major Joslin was killed while in the act of "handing over" to the Colonel of the K.O.S.B's, the latter himself being wounded soon afterwards.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

It is with regret that we announce that Mr. Edgar Wallace has been compelled, owing to pressure of work, to resign the post of Editor of this paper. It has been felt by those responsible for the Queen's Own Gazette that they ought no longer to impose on Mr. Wallace's generous help; but we can safely speak for the whole Regiment when we express our gratitude to him for coming to the rescue at a critical time, and we are greatly indebted to our old comrade for his invaluable assistance when it was much needed.

The present Editor, who has been working under him, and who was responsible for the last two or three issues, trusts that the many useful hints he has received from Mr. Wallace will bear fruit in future issues of the Gazette.

Just a word in regard to finance. The Gazette is not a money-making concern, but it must have the wherewithal to pay its way. Subscribers would greatly help if dues were paid promptly in advance. A reminder will, in future, be sent to subscribers who are in arrear with their subscriptions.

In the March number of St. George's Gazette, the Regimental paper of the Northumberland Fusiliers, it is stated that it is the oldest Regimental paper in the Service, as it was started 32 years ago. We must apologise for disputing this claim, as the Queen's Own Gazette is over 40 years old, having been born on January 1st, 1875, and it has appeared monthly without any break.

H.M. QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

Copy of a letter sent by the C.O. 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment in acknowledgment of gifts from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra:-

In the Field, April 20th, 1915.

MADAM-

I beg leave to thank your Majesty for the presents received to-day for the men and officers of the battalion under my command. Your Majesty's kindness and thought are a great encouragement to all ranks, and the knowledge that you are following our movements and doings with interest fills us with sentiments of loyalty and devotion to your person.

We have recently been engaged in an attack upon the German position south-east of Ypres, and I am glad to say that the operations in which this Battalion took a prominent part have been crowned with success to our arms and the

discomfiture of the Germans.

With renewed expressions of gratitude for your kindness to this Battalion of the Queen's Own which I have the honour to command,

I am, your Majesty's humble servant,

(signed) P. M. Robinson, Major.

Commanding 1st Battalion,

"The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment).

We regret to announce the death of Captain C. S. Marchant, as the result of an accident, whilst on active service in France, on May 3rd. He served as a subaltern in the Volunteer Active Service Company of the Regiment in the South African War, when he was a lieutenant in our 2nd Volunteer Battalion. He retired later with the honorary rank of Major. He was in the Territorial Reserve and joined the 20th County of London Regiment as a captain shortly after the outbreak of the War.

We are indebted to the Evening News for the following:-"IS BABY GOING?"

THE SPLENDID SUBALTERN AS MR. ATKINS KNOWS HIM. (From a Correspondent).

They belonged to several different regiments, the men in this little country hospital. The 17th Lancers, the West Kents, the Engineers, the West Yorkshires, they made a motley gathering and a merry one—all, with the exception of one poor fellow partially paralysed from a shrapnel wound at the back of the head, convalescent and ready to be "at it" again." We found them playing Jigsaws, but they left their games for a chat about the war.

One felt, though, that they would have preferred to discuss football.

But the admiration, almost hero-worship, of these men for their junior officers was very touching. To them the subalterns were their "babies" or their "brothers" or their "fathers." To the subalterns the soldiers were often "children." Anyone who has heard a young officer talk or write about his men will understand this glorious mutual possession the one of the other.

"There's nowhere they won't go and nothing they won't do, these boys," said a West Kent proudly, "And there isn't one of us that wouldn't follow them into anything.

"Is Baby going?' a man will ask. If Baby's going it's good enough for me. I'll go, too." There was one lad in our company; seventeen he was, straight from Sandhurst. He led us into some scrapes, but any of us would have gone anywhere for him. He didn't know what fear is. . . . He's dead now."

I thought how proud this young hero's mother would have been if she could have heard.

1st CANTERBURY REGIMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

As our readers are aware, the above Regiment is allied to us. We understand that with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force there is a Battalion designated "The Canterbury Battalion," to which this Regiment contributes one company, the other three Companies being supplied from the other three Canterbury Regiments. The Commanding Officer of the Canterbury Battalion is Lieut.-Colonel J. D. M'Beau Stewart, who is a Major in our allied Regiment. We are writing to ask him if he will kindly send us some correspondence.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF WORKMEN'S CLUBS.

We are indebted to the South Eastern Gazette for the following extract from a speech delivered by the President of the above Associaton, Mr. George Marsham, at their annual meeting on May 3rd. The President said that little did he or any of those present think when he presented the prizes last year at Gillingham that before another year came round many of those he was addressing, and many more in the near neighbourhood, would be working night and day to deliver armaments and munitions of war to analya their gallant solubly armaments. more in the near neighbourhood, would be working night and day to deliver armaments and munitions of war to enable their gallant soldiers and sailors to carry on the most terrible war in history. They would, he thought, excuse him if he referred chiefly to the war that evening. In the first place they, in the county of Kent and in the capital town of that county, had every reason to be proud of their county regiment. The East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), one of the oldest regiments if not the senior regiment in the service, had upheld its well-known character for bravery, while the regiment in which they in Maidstone were perhaps more interested, the Royal West Kents, had not only maintained their best traditions, but had been congratulated on more than one occasion for their courage and been congratulated on more than one occasion for their courage and tenacity. Did not a thrill of pride go through each one of them when they heard the high commendation of General Alderson, that when they heard the nigh commendation of General Alderson, that the West Kents had never given up a trench, and when at Hill 60, this gallant regiment was received with cheers and yells of "Good Old Kents" by their comrades in other regiments as they were returning from the trenches after the battle for a well deserved rest? That bravery, however, had meant a great loss of life, but they hoped it would be some comfort to the relatives of those men to know they had died the noblest of deaths, fighting for their King and country (applause). country (applause).

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

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: MR. ATKINS. HERO. : :

OFFICER'S STORY OF HIS COOLNESS AND COURAGE. DINNER UNDER FIRE. HOW TWENTY MEN CUT THROUGH AN ARMY.

(By P. M. G. Special.)

The following article from the Pall Mall Gasette, published in September last, has only just been brought to our notice, and although somewhat ancient history, we think it will interest our readers, as the incidents refer to work done by one of the Companies in the 1st Battalion during the retreat from Mons to Le Cateau:—

Officers back from the shell-scourged country between the Sambre and the Somme bring with them a happiness which is better than doctor's stuff for the healing of their wounds. It is their pride and rejoicing over the achievements of the Army which their hands have forged into a bow of steel.

We had seventy thousand men in the fighting line, there or thereabouts. They went into action without rest, after a long and tiring march, without time to entrench themselves; they fought for five days, everywhere compelled to give ground for no fault of their own; they were savagely attacked by forces at least four times their number; they took a toll of their enemies which was, perhaps, not far short of their whole fighting weight, and, in the end, they remained unbeaten, only anxious to have another go at them.

GERMAN SHELL-FIRE GOOD.

Nothing troubled the troops very much but the German shell-fire. All reports that the German artillery is inefficient must be disregarded. They had an overwhelming superiority; their fire was admirably directed by aeroplanes overhead, and the noise of their bursting shell over the trenches is sometimes so tremendous that a man could not make his neighbour hear what he said, even though he put his mouth to his ear. But our fellows have learnt a trick or two. They did not fight the wily "Bojer" for nothing, and they may be trusted to outwit the Teuton. Of this it is best to say no more.

Our gunners "got it in the neck." There is no doubt the army wants more artillery. The proportion of guns per thousand bayonets is as great in our Service as in the German. But, by a simple arithmetical process, it can be seen that, if you have 320,000 infantry with its proper proportion of guns, you have about four times as many guns as a force of 70,000 infantry. But no one tells of a British gun being lost, save where all the men and all the horses of the battery have been out of action. An eye-witness tells of two batteries which were annihilated, the gunners standing up and serving their guns till the last man dropped.

HAWK AND HERON.

More aeroplanes are wanted also to destroy or chase off the gentry who locate the trenches and carry the range back to the German gunners. A pretty little fight was seen over the British lines at Cambrai. A French airman swooped down on the German observer. They fought in the air as hawk and heron fight. Up and up they went in whirling circles till at last the Frenchman soared aloft, got above his antagonist, and "outed" him with a shot from his quick-firer. He fell a mangled mass in front of our trenches.

Thomas Atkins remains the cool, imperturbable creature that he has always shown himself. An officer lying in a trench under a terrific shell-fire heard a voice at his elbow saying: "Beg pardon, sir!" He looked up. There was a private standing upright at the salute. "Beg pardon, sir! May I fall out? I've been 'it three times."

FETCHING THE DINNER.

It may have been the same day. Anyhow, the conditions were the same. It was dinner-time. But in this war there is no "dinner-'ush from twelve to one." The shells continue to roar. But fifty yards behind the trench, screened by a belt of trees, the battalion reserves had their fires alight and employed their time in cooking dinner for the battalion. That was all very well. But fifty yards of shell swept ground between left the men in the trenches a plaguy way from their dinner. Fortunately the front was clear for a short time of the hostile infantry.

"Who'll go and fetch the scoff"?

Immediately a host of volunteers sprang up. Away they raced to the belt of trees, and returned triumphant with messtins riddled with shrapnel bullets, and some of their number on the ground, but with dinner for the famished battalion. The men who fetched David the water from the well of Bethlehem were no mightier men of valour.

IN A TIGHT CORNER.

Here is another little incident. A sergeant and twenty men of the same regiment were holding a trench on the left, at some little distance from the line. A retirement was ordered, and the order never reached them. They continued firing, firing at the enemy till nightfall. They had no orders to retire, so they stayed where they were for the night. At dawn they found themselves in the middle of the German army. They waited until the enemy to their front were about 300 yards from them, and then gave them "the mad minute"—fifteen rounds of aimed fire per rifle. Down went the enemy like corn; the battalion to the front of the little band wavered, broke, ran, and then the sergeant and the twenty thought it was time to evacuate. They cut right through the German lines and regained their corps in safety.

It is noteworthy that, while our retiring troops are heavily shelled, the German infantry never pursues.

NO RUNNING.

One fact more. When the time for retirement comes the men are sent off out of the trenches in sections, each under a non-commissioned officer. They are told to run to the nearest cover, and then break into quick time. Now, if you once let shaken troops run, they will never stop running. But our men pull up and break into quick time without so much as looking over their shoulders.

In short, no words of praise are high enough to do justice to the qualities of this little army of ours. Magnify Albuera by two in point of odds and by ten in point of time, and you have about the measure of the feat performed by the British Army between Mons and Cambrai.

News from the Battalions.

2ND BATTALION.

Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Commanding Second Battalion, writes to say how grateful the Battalion is for the trouble and fore-thought exercised by all at home on their behalf. A list of the first consignment of comforts sent appears on another page, and more articles are being forwarded this month.

3RD BATTALION.

The following officers joined the Battalion during April:—Regular:—Captain A. S. Hewitt and Lieut. H. B. H. White, D.S.O. (sick from Expeditionary Force); Lieut. W. Newton (from 6th Battalion); Second Lieutenant F. W. Croucher (commissioned from ranks). Special Reserve:—Captain C. G. Henderson-Roe (transfer from 8th Battalion); Second Lieutenants J. Presnail (from King Edward's Horse); Second Lieutenants O. J. Longstaff, J. S. Yates, H. W. Waghorn, C. F. L. Chester, G. W. Dando (first appointment). Attached from 8th or 9th Battalion; Second Lieutes. W. G. Dove, H. B. Bennett and B. C. Hoskins. Captain J. Sawers (who served with the Volunteer Active Service Companies attached to the 2nd Battalion in South Africa) and Captain G. Bonham-Carter (9th Battalion) have also joined for duty but have not been actually posted. The following officers left the Battalion during April: Regular—Captains A. Knox and P. A. Wilson, Second Lieutenants E. A. Sharpin, F. G. Littleboy and F. W. Croucher (to Expeditionary Force); Lieut. H. B. H. White, D.S.O. (to instructor of young officers' class, Sevenoaks). The following officers joined the Battalion during April: H. White, D.S.O. (to instructor of young officers' class, Sevenoaks). Special Reserve: Captain E. G. Russell, Lieut. G. Y. Gross, Second Lieutenants R. E. H. Healey, G. M. McClenaghan, F. R. Wright and N. P. McCleland (to Expeditionary Force).

FIRST 4TH BATTALION.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following:—Corpl. A. Chainey, 4th R.W. Kent Regiment, writing from Jubbulpore to his parents at 13, Hartnup Street, Maidstone, describes a march from camp on Sunday, March 28th:—
"We fell in at 9.30 a.m.," he says, "and started for a ten mile march to a place called Barela, where the Artillery was camping. It was nice marching, but a bit warm. We arrived there at 1.30, and from that time till six o'clock in the evening we did nothing but drink, so you may be sure the tea wallahs did a roaring trade. After tea, which was served at five o'clock we fell in for picks and shovels. tea, which was served at five o'clock, we fell in for picks and shovels, and at six o'clock we fell in for a two-mile march to a place picked and at six o'clock we fell in for a two-mile march to a place picked out for trench digging. By seven o'clock we were all busy navvying, and, as it happened, it was a nice moonlight light, so we had no difficulty in seeing what we were up to. The only thing that worried us was being out there trench digging when we ought to have been at church, but, still, we had to put up with it. We were on till about six the following morning, when we left off to find the trench completed, and we weren't sorry either, for lots of us were suffering from blisters. It wasn't long before we got back to camp, and there was a nice pot of tea waiting for us, with a supply of biscuits. We had to make that do for breakfast; after that we had a couple of hours to ourselves, and you may be sure it wasn't long before the best part of us was asleep.

hours to ourselves, and you may be sure it wasn't long before the best part of us was asleep.

"At nine o'clock we fell in again. This time we took up a position on top of a hill overlooking our trench, and at ten o'clock we watched a sight many of us had not seen before. The Artillery took up a position and used our trench for a target to fire on, and I can assure you it was just like a mimic battle, for we could see the shells burst quite plain, and I would sooner have been on the hill where we were than in that trench, for there wasn't much of it left after they had finished with it. After that we fell in, and were soon back to camp, and after dinner the bugle sounded the fall in for the last time that day. That was at 1.45, and we were soon on our way back to barracks, but it was the worst march I have done, for we were all tired, and the best part of us had not had a wash from the time we started for camp till the time we got to barracks. Still, we stuck it like all the West Kents do, and by five o'clock we found ourselves at Jubbulpore, a little footsore, but none the worse found ourselves at Jubbulpore, a little footsore, but none the worse for the march. Tea was soon served, and just after the wind got on, and it wasn't long before it started to rain. Then it thundered and lightened, and the rain came down in torrents, and you may be sure we were all thankful that we got back before it started. At eight o'clock the same evening the orderly sergeant came round and

warned me for guard the following day, so instead of having a lay in, as I expected, that morning, I had to be out of it at 5.30 to be ready for guard at 6.30, so here I am at the gun carriage factory doing a 24 hours' guard. Still, I don't mind that, for I don't have to do the guard myself, only post the sentries every two hours. One of the sentries is old Vic. Wakefield, and another is Percy Clark, one of the old choir boys, so I am not with strangers. How is the weather in England? Different to what it is out here, I bet. It is that hot we don't know what to do in the daytime to keep cool that hot we don't know what to do in the daytime to keep cool. Still, we shall be much hotter presently when we get to the summer, or their hot season, as they call it."

A photo accompanying the above letter shows a group of "B" Company, with the writer reading the "Kent Messenger."

OUR BOYS THE R.W.K.

They are feeling, one and all
Who have answered duty's call,
The day will come when they, too, will be ready
To take the brave lads' place,
The common enemy to face,
And in God's strength be calm and steady.

God speed our gallant lads
As they rally round the flag,
And the mothers who have given of their best; And the sweethearts, sisters, wives, Who are praying for the lives Of the lads who ever bravely stand the test.

14, Elm Terrace, Cobham Road, Strood.

W. SHARPLIN.

CAN ANYONE SPARE A FLUTE?

Lance-Corporal J. Weatherill, "C" Company, 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, one of the only two members left with the Regiment of the band who went out in August, writes to a chum

"We are in dug-outs just behind the firing line, and are going to stand to arms very shortly, but would you be so kind as to send me a flute—any old thing will do—so as to give the boys a tune on the march??

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The recipient of the letter doesn't happen to have a flute to spare, so asks us to pass on the request to readers of the "Kent Messenger."

SECOND 4TH BATTALION.

On March 22nd we proceeded to Tilbury, exchanging stations with the 2nd-5th Battalion. We found ourselves for the first time split up into various deachments, different portions of the Battalion doing guard duties at places considerable distances from each other. Officers commanding companies in some cases became officers commanding stations. The new stations were in many cases more interesting than the old, though it was unpleasant having the Mess broken up. In some places only two or three officers were stationed and Headquarters' Mess was reduced to a mere shadow.

At the end of April a Foreign Service Battalion was formed from the Kent Infantry Brigade, to be called the Kent Battalion and to be attached to the Welsh Division. Each Battalion in the Brigade finds one Company. We have the honour of supplying the Commanding Officer and the Battalion Headquarters. The Kent Battalion is billeted at Cambridge, a place some officers are very pleased to re-visit. As to the future of the remainder of the Battalion there are many rumours, but nothing definite is known as to what will happen to us, though we fear we shall be re-organised in a manner not altogether to our taste.

6TH BATTALION.

B COMPANY.

Of late there has been so much to do, that there is really very litle to say. Perhaps the main thing that emerges out of a very busy life is that our men are trained to a point beyond which they easily "stale." We are just a little jumpy at the delay in going out—the many probable dates have all been "moved on."

Every man of us is glad that we are at the end of training—night operations have been numerous, and sometimes rather long; we

are becoming accustomed to sudden moves; and our digestion hasceased to be offended at the reception of two meals rolled into one. These notes, by a curious "cussedness" have always been asked for on the edge of a move. We are not on the move, nor in instant expectation of it, just at the time of writing, but we hope very much that the coincidence, hitherto unhappy and awkward, will again occur, and we shall be well away—not to come back till we have marched through the streets of Berlin, singing: "Here we are! Here we are again!"

Our congratulations to Sergt. Judge, who has been promoted W.O., Class 2, and appointed C.S.M.; and to Sergt. Spearing, who has been appointed Pioneer Sergeant. Good luck to them both! Here is a good range story. A soldier required ten points in his

Here is a good range story. A soldier required ten points in his last practice to qualify for First Class Proficiency Pay. Before firing his first round, he remarked to his friends behind:—

"Gentlemen, this is a contest between Lord Haldane and myself." In the practice his score was nine. Getting up, he remarked: "Lord Haldane wins—on points."

C COMPANY.

We are writing these notes on the eve of great happenings. As someone remarks, we might go anywhere any minute, and suggests taking the next train!

Long hours in damp, nasty trenches, trying field days (on slices of bread and cheese!) inter-divisional manœuvres, all these things have not damped our martial ardour. And we are all "fit as fiddles," and waiting for a chance to get at the hated Germ-hun or the barbarian Turk!

Strenuous days, too, have not prevented us from excelling on the field of footer, or in the hall of song. In a "Soccer" match, Sergeants v. Officers, the optimistic Company was well represented on both sides. (I am sorry to say that the officers won this particular

At a Snoking Concert given by the Sergeants of the Battalion to the N.C.O.'s who proceeded to the Front (via Chatham), the poor unfortunate (?) "unfits" must have been greatly charmed by the soulful and tuneful vocal efforts of the Sergeants of "C"!

We tender our congratulations to the said "unfits"; by the way, if our unfit men are like this, what on earth must WE be like, fit to fight "any old thing!"

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We have just spent a week under canvas at Tateley, pleasant

and enjoyable from all points of view.

Optimistic "C," had a foretaste of the real thing, when they tumbled out of their blankets, after snugly settling down for the night. Did "C" complain? No, we turned out without a murmur! (I don't think!)

We must not forget the night attack either, in which the pulling up of tent pegs played an important part.

The reason for the night attack is not far to seek, for did not another Company scandalously and wickedly try to raise our righteous wrath by chanting:-

The Pioneer Sergeant belongs to "B," But the rubbish belongs to "C."

Were we not justified?

We expect shortly to be removed to more stirring scenes and other climes, the old tale of the night-march and the vanishing trick, I suppose.

A great question remains unsolved. We have a Bugle Band and Drums. We seem to have seen them, and I think we have heard

Drums. We seem to have seen them, and I think we have heard them once or twice; once at the start of a route march, twice at the finish. Where do they get to during the march? This will surely have to be seen into!!

We were extremely sorry to lose Major Beeching on his appointment as Second in Command of the Battalion. Our loss is, however, some other's gain, and we continue to flourish under the able command of Captain A. B. C. Francis.

"Hats off!" to Lieutenant Smith on his promotion, and heartiest congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Murphy on his promotion to C.S.M., and to Sergeant Holliday on his pronotion to Colour-Sergeant, with appointment of C.Q.M.S.

Easter leave being practically over, we trust it will not be long ere we get on board and sail (or steam) away!

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We have gone through stirring times during the last month. We wrote our last contribution on the eye of our march to Aldershot.

Time and space do not permit of me recording all the exciting incidents of that march. We had splendid receptions everywhere, and our experiences were wonderfully varied.

All sorts of weather prevailed. We remember the cold world that presented itself to us at Rolvenden, after turning out of our

comfortable barn at 5 a.m.

What memories of Goudhurst we retain! And words fail us to describe the glorious reception (?) at Tunbridge Wells.

Naturally, we feel proud of our marching powers, seven men only

failing to complete the course.

After a few days in Barracks we were visited by H.M. the King. who also attended Church Parade.

Then orders came for another move, and we marched proudly past his Majesty at Laffan's Plain. After a strenuous ten days of active service conditions at Finchampstead, we returned to Barracks.

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Since then we have been actively preparing for foreign service.

Later events have been the Aldershot Division Relay Race ("C"
Company's runners showing up well in the "Daily Mirror" photograph), and the minor tactical exercise (to quote the daily papers!)

under the eye of Lord Kitchener.

In closing our rambling remarks, we would like to express our great regret at losing C.S.M. F. Tench, who is leaving us for the Third Battalion.

Third Battalion

He has been with us practically from the start of the Company Purfleet, and we extend to him our very best wishes for the future. With all the unfit for foreign service men leaving us, and strong rumours of shifts to all parts of the earth with us, we are beginning to feel our time for departure to foreign shores growing near, and—well, "roll on" Active Service!

D COMPANY.

The march from Hythe to Aldershot proved the marching qualities of the whole Battalion. "D" Company only had three men who fell out. Some enjoyable evenings were spent at the places where halts were made, and at Goudhurst a really fine concert was given under the able stage management of Sergt. Davidson. As usual the men with vocal abilities were not lacking when the call was made upon them. In a programme which lasted nearly three hours, "D" Company were represented by Sergt. Hanghey, Ptes. Farrow, Yeomans, Lce.-Corpl. Marsh and Lieut. Wilks. Encores were frequent. C.Q.M.S. Moberly recited "I am Grady of the Old Queen's Own" in his own inimitable style.

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The Battalion marched into Aldershot quite fresh and in a fine swinging style. The work has been pretty stiff since coming here, but the health of the battalion is good. A pleasant ten days was spent in training a Eversley where "D" Company were billeted. Other Companies were at Finchampstead. The whole are now anxiously waiting for the move across "the ditch," where it is hoped and anticipated that the doughty deeds of the "First" may be amulated.

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7TH BATTALION.

Our last month has been a busy one and full of incident. The last few weeks at Purfleet were devoted to Battalion and Brigade Training, and we put in a great deal of very instructive work. As all the country in the immediate vicinity of Purfleet is heavily cultivated, we generally had to march from eight to ten miles before reaching any area where large bodies of troops could be manceuvred, with the result that the Brigade days were generally on the fens or on the wooded country near Warley, which meant about 25 miles as our average by the time "Tin Town" appeared in sight again.

The work, however, was intensely interesting, and these long marches were excellent training for our future work, and as the men always had a long "easy" and a good lunch, generally consisting of pork pies and cocoa, before commencing the homeward trek, the Brigade used to swing back in great style, and there were very rarely any casualties to report.

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These marches, too, were excellent lessons in training the subordinate commanders in looking after the men's feet and boots, on which so much depends during a campaign. When the great Duke of Wellington was asked what he would choose if he were limited to one article of kit for his men, he replied "A pair of good boots, and when he was asked what he would take as his second choice, his reply was "Another pair of boots."

This was just after the disastrous retreat on Corunna, when so many men fell out owing to the bad boots supplied by the contractors, but things are done better nowadays, and luckily we realise

tractors, but things are done better nowadays, and luckily we realise the importance of keeping the men's feet in good condition and well protected. However well trained a Battalion may be, they are well protected. However well trained a Battalion may be, they are of no use if they are unable to march into the battle line, and once the dead-lock at the Front is broken, the marching powers of the men will be of the utmost importance. At Easter a great many men went away for the week-end, and Battalion Sports were organised for those remaining in camp. These were a great success, and a full description appears elsewhere.

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On April 14th the Brigade entrained for Colchester, the head-quarters of the Division, for Battalion and Brigade Training. Each Brigade of the 18th Division was sent out in turn for a week's training and billeting in the vicinity of Ipswich, and we moved into the Barracks vacated by the 53rd Brigade. On the 21st the 53rd returned, and we moved on to the huts vacated by the 54th Brigade. These returned on the 28th, and, in our turn, we took the Ipswich Road.

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By the time this appears in print we shall have returned after our week's training, which should be most useful, as it will be our first experience of billeting. Our work at Colchester has been very

interesting as it has been over new and unknown country, and we have been working against an actual enemy instead of our-

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The training has been done under the eye of our Divisional Commander, who has expressed himself as being very pleased with the work of the Brigade in the field, so that we have the satisfaction of knowing that our long period of incubation at Purfleet has been made good use of. On April 25th there was a most interesting ceremony at the ancient church of St. Mary-at-the-Walls in Colchester. The occasion was the annual celebration of St. George's Day, and the Mayor and Corporation attended in State, together with the General Officer Commanding and other officers of the Garrison, and the members of the Territorial Force Association.

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The church was decorated with the flags of St. George with those of our Allies and Colonies, and the National Anthems of English of the Colonies of the Colonies

land, France and Russia were incorporated in the service.

On April 26th Brigadier General Poett, commanding our Brigade, was kind enough to present the medals won by the Battalion of the Brigade Cross Country Pure hald last month at Purellant and in the Brigade Cross-Country Run held last month at Purfleet, and, after complimenting us on our performance, told as that the attaining of physical fitness was one of the great aims of our performance. efficiency could usually be relied upon to be as efficient in other respects. It will be remembered that we had the first man, the first officer, and the first team home.

Our next resting (?) place is to be Codford St. Mary on Salisbury Plain, where we shall do our Divisional Training and where we shall probably remain until we leave for the Front, be it East or West.

We have recently lost the services of Captain Ansell, who has been transferred to the 9th Battalion. Good luck go with him.

BATTALION SPORTS. - Easter Monday, 1915.

Held on the Garrison Field, Purfleet.

One Mile—1 Pte Wood, 2 Lee.-Corpl. Hollands, 3 Pte. Godden-Quarter-Mile.—1 Lee.-Corpl. Hollands, 2 Lee.-Corpl. Godden, 3 Pte.

G. Smith.

100 Yards.—1 Pte. Harper, 2 Lce. Corpl. Hollands, 3 Pte. G. Smith High Jump.—1 Pte. Catlow, 2 Lce. Corpl. Godden, 3 Pte. Harper. Hurdles (110 yards).—1 Pte. Grayland, 2 Corpl. Turner, 3 Pte.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.-1 Corpl. Brewer, 2 Pte. Williams, 3

Corpl. Wesley.

Kicking the Football.—1 Corpl. Kelly, 2 Pte. Moriarty, 3 Pte.

Sack Race.—1 Pte. Harper, 2 Pte. Chambers, 3 Pte. Lock.
Three-legged Race.—1 Pte. Wood and Pte. Hirschfield, 2 Pte.

Moriarty and Pte. Chambers.
Officers' Race (100 yards).—1 Lieut. Tindall, 2 Lieut. Rich, 3

Lieut. Warren.

A COMPANY.

We were still at Tin-Town, Purfleet, at the beginning of the month, and Battalion or Brigade Training was the order most days. The only thing that varied was the distance we marched out every day, and this gradually increased to eight to ten miles out and the same distance back again, with three to four miles skirmishing. Still, we seemed to get used to this pretty easily and there were very few who fell out. Two half-holidays were granted in the were very tew who fell out. Two half-holidays were granted in the month and were very welcome; several inter-company football matches were played. Also there was a concert every week, which was largely attended owing to the excellence of the artistes. Towards the middle of the month our long expected move took place, and the whole brigade proceeded by train to the Barracks at Colchester. The amount of dirt left in the Barrack Rooms did not at all please us, so we threw beds and blankets out in the yard and proceeded to thoroughly clear up. Still, we were only in Barracks a few days, and then moved to the adjoining huts. It is to be feared that the Regiment who had vacated the Barracks before we took possession and who again moved in after we left, would hardly recognise the rooms owing to the state of cleanliness in which we had left them! We have recently received our new nifles and bayonets; the latter are most bloodthirsty looking weapons. Since our arrival at Colchester we have had a distinctly easier time; only

doing eight or ten miles a day.

We have been warmly congratulated by Brigadier-General Poett on our march discipline. He told us that we had quite the appearance of "old soldiers," so altogether we feel quite pleased with ourselves. We are now preparing for our week's trek to Ipswich, Woodbridge, and the districts closely around, and we all hope to create a record by reducing our list of casualties to a minimum.

B COMPANY.

How doth the little busy "B"? Passing well, all things considered, though nowadays there is as little to tell of single companies as there is much of the Battalion as a whole—and well that it is so.

At all events we have shaken the dust of Purfleet from our feet at last. Two short weeks ago by the clock—but it's ages in reality since the Battalion slid smoothly into the marshalled rolling. stock upon the Range, to make tha triumphal progress into Colchester amid the snorting of locomotives, the trumpetings of mules and the fluttering of innumerable handkerchiefs from all the back

and the fluttering of innumerable handkerchiefs from all the back gardens of Barking.

A week in the Campanian luxury of the Goojerat Barracks, a week in the Spartan simplicity of the Reed Hall Butments—et nous voila on the brink of our Suffolk pilgrimage—may all gods and umpires be propitious. One's only regret is that we did not come before; certainly no previous fortnight of ours has been so fraught with change. New rifles, new bayonets for old, the stimulus of Colchester for the stagnation of Purfleet—and there are desperdixerences as well. Colchester decided the first day that the Battalion was not without a certain opinion of itself; but there is a new self-realisation, a new "go" about things, new impulses and new energy; as a fighting whole the Battalion seems to have come to its own. to its own.

Things have moved fast; they look like moving faster. Salisbury and concentration are in sight—and after? Flanders, Troy, or

Timbuctoo, what matter, so it be soon?

D COMPANY.

The month of March was not altogether an uneventful one for "I," Company. In the Brigade Cross-Country Run of about 7½ miles, which took place on the 25th March, "D" Company supplied the first man home in the person of Private H. Wood. Altogether "D" Company supplied three men in the winning team, and are to be excused if they put on a little "side" during the next few days. The winning men will be presented with medals by the Southern Countries Cross-Country Association.

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Training has been going on with just the same vigour. Brigade days have brought fresh praise from our Brigadier-General. That praise we hope to justify when we get across the Channel. April opened well for us. On Easter Monday Battalion Sports were held. Private H. Wood, the winner of the Brigade Cross-Country Run, won the mile foot race. To "D" Company also, fell two or three second and third prizes, in the various competitions. On the 14th a Brigade move was carried out. The whole Brigade vacated the Purfleet Huts, and entrained for Colchester, for the purpose of carrying out Brigade Training. The entraining drill stood the Battalion in good stead, as everything was carried out in a well disciplined and soldierly manner, and again we were complimented by our Brigadier-General. Our Battalion occupied the Goojera Barracks for one week, which were taken over from the 6th Royal Berkshire Regiment, of our Division. At the end of this time we moved once again into huts at Colchester. While here we were issued with our Service Rifles and bayonets. Things begin to look positively businesslike from the Army point of view. The men are keener than ever now that each has his own rifle, and are eagerly looking forward to "Am Tag," when he shall meet the Hun at a game we can play better than himself. That day will not be the sort of day the Germans anticipate, if the "Queen's Own" have their own way. their own way.

8TH BATTALION.

Promotions.—The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been promoted to the ranks as shown below since the formation of the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, in addition to those who have already

 Royal West Kent Regiment, in additional appeared in the Queen's Own Gazette:
 581 Sergt. A. Johnson
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 763 Sergt. B. Wise
 2567
 C
 2600
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 2609 Sergt. H. Rowe
 2611
 C
 2611
 C

 37839 Sergt. J. Pettitt
 3117
 C
 3462
 Sergt. R. Morris
 1958
 C

 3463 Lc.-Sergt. A. Burke
 2749
 C
 2749
 C

 3698 Lc.-Sergt. S. Collins
 2870
 C

 1736 Lc.-Sergt. A. Scrase
 2916
 C

 4817 Lc.-Sergt. E. Kirby
 813
 C

 578 Sergt. L. Rogad
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 C

 addition to those who ha azette:—

2600 Corpl. F. Brown
2567 Corpl. C. Trout
25617 Corpl. A. Palmer
3117 Corpl. A. Palmer
3118 Corpl. E. Wellings
2749 Corpl. E. Wellings
2749 Corpl. E. Radford
813 Corpl. E. Radford
813 Corpl. E. Radford
813 Corpl. A. Kirby
2797 Corpl. O. Coleman
2035 Corpl. E. Tovey
1347 Corp. F. Ifauld
675 Corpl. H. Johnson
2695 Corpl. E. Tovey
1347 Corp. P. Barnes
5306 Corpl. W. Ames
4871 Corpl. C. Boxall
3699 Corpl. J. Marriott
554 Corpl. E. Brown
2719 Corpl. E. Brown
2719 Corpl. E. Brown
2719 Corpl. T. Roach
2646 Corpl. F. Tosdevine
710 Corpl. C. Jenner
2702 Corpl. W. Chitty
3757 Corpl. H. Roach
3434 Corpl. A. Eldridge
2492 Corpl. A. Day Lc.-Sergt. A. Scrase
Lc.-Sergt. E. Kirby
Sergt. L. Read
Sergt. F. Walker
Sergt. Walker
Sergt. R. Purvis
Sergt. T. Poynter
Lc.-Sergt. T. Kingbrooke
Lc.-Sergt. T. Kingbrooke
Lc.-Sergt. T. Kingbrooke
Lc.-Sergt. G. Young
Sergt. F. Greenaway
Sergt. W. Atchison
Sergt. W. Atchison
Sergt. W. Brown
Lc.-Sergt. E. Oliver
Lc.-Sergt. E. Oliver
Lc.-Sergt. P. Payne
Corpl. H. Blackman
Corpl. W. Tiff
Corpl. C. Damary 578 874 608 1394 3041 1065 3423 827 704 5051 880

Since making out the above list we have pleasure in publishing that No. 2560 Lee-Sergt. C. Tattam has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. We are sorry to lose him, but we know from experience that he will be successful in his new sphere. We are also glad to state that No. 2498 Pte. P. J. Brickwell and No. 2508 Pte. P. T. Brickwell have also received appointments as Second Lieutenants in the 16th Battalion Royal Fusiliers and the 12th Battalion Worcester Regiment, respectively. We wish them every success.

Now that we are in our new quarters at Redhill, it will not be Now that we are in our new quarters at Redhill, it will not be out of place to say a few words concerning the manner in which we left Worthing. The order came so suddenly that there was no time to arrange a farewell concert for the people of the town. We did however, manage a farewell "gaff" amongst the Sergeants on Wednesday, 31st March. It was held in a large room above the "Rose and Crown," and despite the fact that the concert was only arranged on the previous day there was an attendance of about 48 Sergeants and 18 civilian friends. and 18 civilian friends.

The chair was taken by Sergeant-Major H. Evans, who we have found out, makes an excellent Chairman, and is well acquainted with the use of the "hammer." An impromptu programme was arranged by Colour-Sergeant C. G. Pope, who was responsible for obtaining the following artists, who rendered some excellent turns.

The programme was opened by a pianoforte and piccolo duet rendered in good style by Sergeant J. T. Hibbert (piccolo) and Lce.-Sergeant J. H. Anderson (piano). During the evening Colour-Sergt. Pope obliged with three songs, all of which were greatly appreciated. Colour-Sergeant E. Branson was called upon twice, and rose each time to cries of "Good old Teddy." He gave us some of the "good old stuff" and by the loud cheers he was easily a "star" turn.

The following gentlemen also contributed in the way of songs and recitations, etc.: Sergeants Keeling, Burke, Atchison, Simmons, Mears, Bailey, Read, Morris and Collins.

During the evening we were given an excellent treat. Mr. J. Andrews, one of the visitors, sang "Songs of Araby" in a beautiful tenor voice. He was encored and very kindly obliged with "I hear you calling me." After the interval he again obliged with "Nirvana," a most difficult but beautiful song and excellently rendered. Again he was encored, but unfortunately he had to leave owing to an appointment. Mr. J. Buckley was kind enough to give a box of cigars and many were the shouts of appreciation for this act of kindness. kindness.

The accompanist for the evening was Lee-Sergt. J. Anderson, who had his work cut out owing to the lack of music, only Mr. J. Andrews bringing his own with him. Sergt. J. T. Hibbert joined in most of the songs with his piccolo, and the "bird-like" effects were very touching at times!!!! (i' d' t'). Two toasts were given during the evening, one to The King and the other to Friends and Artists. It was a most enjoyable evening and everyone left the Concert Room in the best of spirits. We must mention our old friend Sergeant Charles Percival Beckhuson, invariably called "Old Beck," who was in charge of the "catering department." We must say the work was carried out most ably and well.

We now come to the touching part of the business. On Friday

We now come to the touching part of the business. On Friday morning, the 2nd April, 1915, Reveille was sounded at 5.30 a.m. Early breakfast was the order of the day and (whisper it) this meal was a very hurried one. We had been in Worthing for four months and individually the theorem. and judging by the tears of our respective landladies and their children, we have left a very good impression behind us.

"A" and "B" Companies formed up with the Drums, and marched to the station to the tunes of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and "Auld Lang Syne." Many were the good wishes and cries of "Good Luck" as we went through the town. These two companies left Worthing by the 7.35 a.m. train, "C" and "D" Companies following by the 8.5 a.m. train. Everything went off splendidly and we arrived at our destination without a hitch. Billets were quickly filled, and up to the time of writing they all seem to be very satisfactory and comfortable. factory and comfortable.

Just a few words with regard to our work here. This chiefly consist of brushwood cutting, entrenching, were entanglements, etc. Second Lieutenant A. N. Harris is in charge of the Engineering Party and Second Lieutenant H. O. Beer is in charge of the picquet. which is now rather a strenuous job. The men all enjoy the work, and when they arrive at their billets they do a little overtime in the way of washing and scraping their boots, as the ground on the hills here is composed of clay. Our officers, too, do their share of the work, and thus encourage the men more than anything else.

We suppose that by the time next month's Gazette is published we shall have to report our return to Shoreham-on-Mud, but it will be under different circumstances than when we left it in November last, as we shall be in the huts which we understand are most comfortable.

9TH BATTALION.

Plenty of space, please Mr. Editor, for news of great interest and importance has to be chronicled in this month's issue of the Gazette. In the first place, incredible though it may seem, we have done with trench digging, and secondly, we have received our marching orders. By the time these lines appear in print we shall have shaken the dust of Chatham from off our feet and be comfortably settled—at least so we hope—in Colchester.

Just when we had begun to believe that the now historic saying "The West Kents never pudge" was true in more senses than one, we have the good news—whereof we rejoiced and were exceeding glad. Never did Britishers "down tools" more gladly. But because we were glad to have finished digging it must not be assumed that the men had become slack in any way. They worked wonderfully well the whole time, earning expressions of appreciation from the General Officer Commanding on more than one occasion.

For a fortnight now we have been training with an enthusiasm which is not surpassed, we believe, in any other Battalion in the country. For several hours daily we have lived and moved and had our being on the plateau adjacent to the Drill Hall — a training ground which we are sorry to part with. The Clerk of the Weather has behaved like a gentleman most days. The men have been served out with rifles and equipment, and their soldierly bearing has been commented upon, we know for a fact, in many quarters.

More officers and N.C.O.'s have been sent to the Hythe School of Musketry; others have been attending general courses of instruction; others again, have been making themselves efficient in musketry and signalling at Gravesend, and physical training at Aldershot. Four more officers have been awarded certificates on the conclusion of the Sandhurst course at the Buckley Institute.

On May 4th there was a big exodus of subalterns from the Battalion, some forty of them proceeding to Cobham Park for a general course of training. They are under canvas there, and by all accounts are having a right good time. Meanwhile the Battalion is left with very few subalterns, who (may it be said?) are lending valuable assistance to the company commanders. Those left are expected to be orderly dog with considerable frequency.

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The new title of the Battalion must be noted. We have been turned into a Reserve Battalion, with the designation 9th (2nd Reserve) Battalion. Some disappointment has been expressed that we shall not go to the Front as a unit, but we are not going to allow our enthusiasm to be damped because of that. By the way, a number of officers have already been warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed abroad. Captain L. F. S. Spalding (D Company) has been appointed Adjutant to the Battalion. Captain Bonham-Carter has left us for the 3rd Battalion.

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The sympathy of the whole Battalion has gone out to our Second in Command, Lieut.-Colonel Burt, on the loss he has sustained by the death of his brother, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Burt, who fell on the field of honour recently. He commanded the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, and was known as a gallant and skilful officer. Captain C. T. Tuff, of the 3rd Battalion, who was killed in the fierce fighting on Hill 60, was a younger brother of Lieutenamt C. Tuff, of B Company, to whom we offer our condolences.

C Company has lost a valued N.C.O. by the death of Sergeant Alfred Tucker, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital from hemorrnage, following an operation for gastric ulcer. The late Sergeant met with a serious accident at Wormdale as long ago as January 27th. He was drawing water from a well when one of the buckets flew up and struck him in the chest, breaking several ribs. He had been in hospital ever since the accident. Sergeant Tucker was a popular N.C.O. A local man, he was a teacher at Gillingham Church of England School, and when war broke out volunteered his services as N.C.O. A local man, he was a teacher at Gillingham Church of England School, and when war broke out volunteered his services as drill instructor. Military honours were accorded at the funeral. Covered with the Union Jack, the coffin was borne on a gun carriage from the late Sergeant's home at Gillingham, followed by the officers and men of C Company. Six Sergeants acted as bearers. The band of the 3rd Battalion attended. The service was choral, the officiating minister being the Rev. H. M. Johnson, Vicar of St. John's, Chatham. The first portion of the Burial Service over the cortege proceeded to the railway station, where the buglers of our Battalion sounded the Last Post. On the way the band played Chopin's Funeral March. The interment took place subsequently at Wandsworth. Amongst the many floral tributes received were beautiful wreaths from the officers of C Company; the N.C.O.'s and men of the Company; and from the Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants of the Battalion.

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On the sports side things have been pretty brisk. We have played some more football matches, Association and Rugby, and have played some more football matches, Association and Rugby, and have had another cross-country run, officers and men taking a keen interest therein. The Rev. H. M. Johnson. Vicar of St. John's, Chatham, again initiated the run, and he, Lieutenant C. E. Lovell and Sergt.-Major McVicar were responsible for the arrangements. A difficult trail, extending over eight miles, was laid by Captain W. Barnes, of the Church Army, with the assistance of six of our men. The Vicar of St. John's was one of the 80 runners. Sergt. Major McVicar officiated as starter and timekeeper. Private Masters (No. 4 Platoon)

winner of the last run, was again first man home.

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The two special prizes were secured by No. 4 Platoon (A Company) and No. 14 Platoon (D Company). Lieut.-Colonel Burt was the gonor of the first prize, a set of boxing gloves, while the Commanding

of the first prize, a set of boxing gloves, while the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Daniell presented the second prize, a football. Thirty prizes in all were given, these being the gitt of the officers of the Battalion. The prizes were handed to the winners by Mrs. Daniell.

The Rugby match between our Battalion and the Middlesex Regi-

ment yielded a fine game, and our team ran out the winners by nine points to five. It was played at Gravesend in cricket-like weather. On the last occasion on which the teams met our side won in easy fashion and the Middlesex men trained hard in order to wipe out the defeat. From the start they attacked strongly, but the tackling of Lieutenants Stokes and Croll and Pte. Hume was too good for of Lieutenants Stokes and Croll and Pte. Hume was too good for the attack. After several attempts Lieutenant Ringe scored a good try for the home side, beating several of our team. Following this the West Kents assumed the offensive, and from a scrum on the home 25 Scott secured the ball and passed to Lieutenant Bowen. Bowen in turn passed to Pride, who scored. In the corner, Lieutenant Miskin took the kick, but the ball struck the upright. From the drop-out Lieutenant Pinge made a good run, but was brought down by our full back James with a fine tackle. The Middlesex pressed hard after this, and it was left to Lieutenants Miskin, Innocent and Johns and Pte. Lewis to give relief with a fine dribble. Each side then attacked in turn. Neither, however, gained any advantage, and half-time arrived with the score—Middlesex 5 points; West Kents 3. Upon the resumption our Battalion did most of the pressing, and ultimately, after a forward rush in which Miskin, Johns, Lewis, Cousins and Jenkins were conspicuous, the Welsh International scored. A little later Pride scored again after all the backs had

Lewis, Consins and Jenkins were conspicuous, the weish International scored. A little later Pride scored again after all the backs had handled. No further scoring was accomplished, and time was called with our representatives maintaining their unbeaten record.

The "Corps of Drums" which we are now fortunate enough to possess, is going strong, and we are very pleased with it. Two months ago we mustered a few bugles and one poor little Scout drum, which, 'tis said, was very closely and jealously guarded in D Company's bunk for some time. Then Major Boucher and Second Lieutenant Boucher for some time. Then Major Boucher and Second Lieutenant Boucher for some time. Then Major Boucher and Second Lieutenant Boucher interested themselves in the band and lent a bass drum, four side drums and four bugles. With these instruments, and the eight bugles which belonged to the Battalion, the Drums were able, after some practice, to play us to church. There have now been added 12 B flat flutes, 4 F flutes, 1 F piccolo, a triangle, 2 Guards' pattern side drums, and the officers have presented a handsome leopard skin for the use of the big drummer. The Government instruments have now arrived: 8 Guards' pattern side drums (con.plete), 1 bass drum, 2 If flutes and 6 B flat flutes. The officers' gift of a leopard skin was handed over to the Battalion by the Commanding Officer on May 8th in the presence of the Battalion. Colonel Daniell made a neat little speech in making the presentation, and incidentally paid a tribute to the outbuild the presentation of the presentation. tribute to the enthusiastic manner in which the men have entered

upon their training.

Some three weeks previously the Colonel performed another interesting ceremony in connection with the Drums. The Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants had subscribed for a handsome Drum Major's stick, which they desired to present to the Battalion, and it was this gift that the Commanding Officer handed over to the Battalion, to be carried by the Sergeant Drummer. The presentation was made before Church Parade.

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From the foregoing it will therefore be seen that the "Drums" are in a flourishing condition. Here's joy to it.

The officers submitted to the camera recently—without damaging it in the slightest. But it is really an interesting group, comprising as it does nearly seventy of us. Rumour has it that some of the illustrated weeklies are dying to reproduce it.

Accompanied by the "Drums" we have done some route marches lately. On the last occasion we covered about ten miles—a fair test of the endurance of officers and men on what was a very hot day.

10TH BATTALION.

A Battalion with the above designation is to be raised for service abroad by the Kent Territorial Association, and will consist of men from both East and West Kent, and it is believed and hoped that Major A. Wood-Martyn, the Secretary of the Association, late of the Regiment, and brother of Colonel Martyn, commanding 1st Battalion, will be appointed to the command.

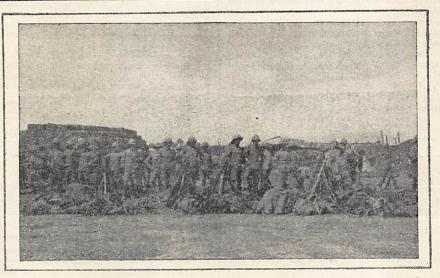
KENT BATTALION.

3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE. 1ST WELSH DIVISION.

A Battalion with the above title has been raised from the Kent Infantry Brigade, Territorials, one Company being supplied by each of the four Battalions of the Brigade, namely 4th and 5th, The Buffs, and 4th and 5th Royal West Kents. The command of this Battalion has been given to Colonel A. T. Simpson, V.D., who formerly commanded our 4th Battalion. They form part of the 3rd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Welsh Division, and are at present quartered at Cambridge, but expect shortly to join the Expeditionary Force. The Battalion was inspected on April 26th by the Divisional General, accommanded by the Brigadier, who were much struck by the appearance of the struck by the struck by the appearance of the struck by the struck by the appearance of the struck by t accompanied by the Brigadier, who were much struck by the appear-

ance, physique and steadiness of the men.

The very best wishes of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment to this new Battalion formed from the two County Regiments, which will cement the friendship and good feeling which has always existed between the Buffs and ourselves.



(By courtesy of the Illustrated London N. ws). The British Element in the Anglo-Indian Forces fighting in Mesopotamia.

Men of the 2nd Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Owing to the war the following Regimental Dinners will not be held this year: Officers, Sergeants' Association, Old Comrade's Association, ciation. *

Major H. R. Worthington, a former officer of the Regiment, has kindly sent 24 periscopes out to the 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant W. R. A. Dawson, 1st Battalion, now serving with the 6th Battalion, has been appointed temporary Captain.

Lieutenant P. S. Hall, late of the Regiment, has been appointed temporary Captain in the 14th West Yorkshire Regiment.

Major J. P. Dalison (Hon. Lieut-Colonel) having been reported "fit for light duty at home" has joined the Depot.

The Seventh Battalion have left Colchester for Salisbury and the Eighth Battalion are back at Shoreham.

Corporal Catchpole has just been wounded for the third time. On each occasion he had not been three days with the 1st Battalion before being wounded. He was first wounded in the foot, secondly in the arm, and thirdly in the leg.

Colonel Moore, C.B., who commanded our Third Volunteer Battalion, has been appointed a D.A.A.G. on the lines of communication.

Second Lieutenants A. T. Williams, F. B. Le Cocq and W. J. Alderman have been promoted Lieutenants in the 1st Battalion.

From London Gazette, April 29th: -Commandant on the Lines of Communication (graded for purposes of pay as a D.A.G. at the War Office), Brevet-Colonel G. W. Maunsell retired pay (April 12th). * * *

It is with regret we notice Lieutenant R. Hoare's name in the list of wounded on April 26th. He formerly served as Second Lieutenant in the Regiment, and is now in the 12th London Regiment Rangers. (T.F.)

Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Reserve of Officers, Royal West Kent, has been appointed temporary Major in the Royal Marines.

Captain B. Johnston, Adjutant 7th Battalion Royal Warwick Regiment (T.F.) has joined the Expeditionary Force with this Battalion.

Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) P. W. Walker has been promoted to Warrant Officer and appointed Sergeant Major in the Second Battalion.

Lieutenant H. B. Haydon White, D.S.O., has been attached to 1st North Lancashire Infantry Brigade for duty with class of instruction for young officers at Sevenoaks.

Captain (Hon. Major) C. V. Molony and Lieutenant W. Newton have joined the Third Battalion for duty.

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Lieutenant (temporary Captain) W. F. MacNeece is seconded for service under the Admiralty.

Sergeant-Major W. J. Dark, 20th County of London Regiment, has been promoted to Quartermaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant. * * *

Colonel A. Martyn is temporarily attached for duty to the 25th Division at Winchester.

Captain (temporary Major) G. E. de St. C. Stevenson has been appointed an Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College. Sandhurst, vice Captain (temporary Major) J. W. T. Fiennes, who succeeds him as second in command of the 7th Battalion.

Lieut-Colonel P. M. Davies, A.S.C., who formerly served in the Regiment, has been appointed an Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General. * * *

Second Lieutenants E. S. Kerr and F. Trask have joined the 7th Battalion for duty.

Captain D. J. Johnston is at present serving with the second Canadian contingent at Shorneliffe as Machine Gun Instructor.

ENEMY'S PRAISE OF OUR TROOPS.

We are indebted to the Morning Post for the following article,-"THE NEW ENGLISH"

(From our Correspondent).

NEW YORK, May 6.

The opinion of a German officer who took part in the battle of Neuve Chapelle on the new British Army in France is quoted at length by Mr. Herbert Corey, who is with the German Army in France. Mr. Corey states that the battle of Neuve Chapelle is still the content of content to the content of the content a topic of constant conversation among the Germans. The officer in

question declared:—
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"There were two lessons to be learned from that engagement." The first is that an entrenched position can be taken if the price is paid. The second was a bit of a surprise for us. It is that the new English troops are better than the old. We hadn't expected that."

The Germans believed, incredible as it may seem, that the "new English" troops consisted of raw, undisciplined, gutter-snipes. After

explaining this, Mr. Corey proceeds to quote the German officer as saying:—"These men who charged us at Neuve Chapelle were not gutter-snipes. They were not slum sweepings. They were the best blood in England."

He said he saw their faces both in fight, as prisoners, and as they lay dead in the field. They were lean, full-templed, long-jawed men. Those who went first under that hellish fire were youngsters for the most part, men who looked as though they were sons of good fathers, or city clerks, or boys who had played in the open air, He was enthusiastic about them.

A WONDERFUL FEAT. Let me tell you of one thing I saw. It was the most wonderful deed I have ever heard of on any field. I think it was the West Kent Regiment. They charged across the open field against us. Our fire was as though we had played a stream of bullets upon them. As

fire was as though we had played a stream of bullets upon them. As they came across that open space, cheering and waving their rifles, I could see the men stumbling and falling forward on their faces and dropping sidewise. Gaps opened in the line, so that I can remember seeing the landscape behind them. But they always closed.

The Englishmen took cover at last, having gained the last possible inch; but they were hoplessly exposed; they could not get forward, and could not stay. Finally the order came to fall back. They had 100 yards to go. What do you think those brave god-like fools did? Instead of crawling back as the men of any other nation would have done—as trained soldiers are told to do—they rose to their feet, they walked back. No, by heaven, they strolled back. They stopped to light cigarettes, they picked up their wounded and carried them home. They were cut down by the score, but they did not hurry their pace. their pace.

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

The attention of our readers is drawn to the issue of this wellknown paper for May 8th, which contains a two page picture drawn by A. C. Michael; it depicts the 1st Battalion reinforcing the Canadians near St. Julien, and is entitled "The Canadians answering the cheers of their Commander's old Regiment, the West Kents." Through the courtesy of the Editor we are allowed to reproduce in this issue of our paper a picture of some of the men of the 2nd Battalion now in the Persian Gulf.

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It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of May :--

OFFICERS.

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Captain P. T. Aldworth Second Lieutenant C. H. Wild. * Attached 2nd Welsh Regiment.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the casualty list from May 1st to 31st, 1915:

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7916 Pte. P. Thompson

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7614 Pte. S. Vickers 7400 Pte. A. Walton 7687 C.S.M. T. Wood 8460 Pte. T. Wiffin 8822 LcCorpl. A. Whinteringham 5708 Pte. G. White 6190 Pte. G. Worsell 10003 Pte. C. Ward 9702 Pte. J. Westherell 6344 Pte. W. Weller	7691 Pte. A. Whithorn 7896 Pte. W. Upton 10618 Pte. A. Longhurst 5408 Pte. J. Lyons 9933 Pte. W. Roberts 10462 Pte. J. Dowsett 9025 Pte. A. Martin 8908 Pte. G. Spooner 6122 Pte. C. Wren 8917 Pte. W. King
7336 Pte. W. Walker	9321 Acting Sergt. J. Lynch

PRESENT LIST.

OFFICERS.

K	lilled	Wounded	
	PODM	Z .	
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	36	26	
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	36	28	
Total a	II casualties a	mongst Officers	64
	PRES	SENT LIST.	
	N.C.O.'s	and MEN.	
Killed. 74	Wounded. 216	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.
	FORM	ER LISTS.	
269	763	27	160
342	979	 27	160
		amongst N.C.O.'s and Meu	1517
	total all rank	-	1581

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

N.B .-- "Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds."

The following is the eighth list of donations received by Officer Commanding Depot to May 31st, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal :

	£	8.	d.
Previously acknowledged	1127	18	Ŧġ
May 5th: Major J. W. O'Dowda	5	Ŏ	Õ
May 19th: Miss Leckie, 3rd donation		ŏ	6
May 24th: Mrs. Daniell	0 :	10	0
May 29th: Mrs. Newton, 3rd donation	. 5	0	0
May 29th: LieutCol. J. P. Dalison, 2nd donation		Ō	Ó
May 29th: Horton Kirby Rifle Club (Proceeds of Concert)	25	14	10
May 30th: Captain Hudson, 6th Batt	5	0	0
May 30th: Captain J. Lees. 2nd donation	10		
May 80th: Captain Roy Brock, 5th donation, monthly	. 5	0	0

£1196 19 Gifts in kind have also been received during May from the following friends of the Regiment:

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Mrs. and Miss Johnston	Miss Bernard Miss Eldred
Mrs. Guy Keenlyside.	
Mrs. Walker, The Roan School of	Mrs. Minn
Girls.	Mrs. O. B. Simpson
Miss Beaumont	Lady Clementine Waring
Miss Basil Reynardson	Mrs. Wood-Martyn.
Mrs. Burbury	Miss Bertha Vallings.
Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford, West	Mrs. John Dalison.
Malling District Working	Mrs. Newton
Society.	Miss A. Thompson.
Min. D.M. Maideless and Die	Mrs. Le Mesurier.
Miss Potter Maidstone and Dis-	
trict Central Fund.	Mrs. Reginald Mortyn.
Mrs. Clarke	Miss Horden.
Mrs. W. Harston	Mrs. Perkins.
Mrs. Sherries.	Mrs. and Miss Field.
Mrs. A. D'E. Knox.	Mrs. Littlehales.
Mrs. Phillips.	Miss Keays Young.
Mrs. Leonard Lees	Miss Norrington.
Miss Olga Nicholas	Mrs. A. Martyn.
Mrs. Hastings	Mrs. Percy Hibbert.
East Peckham Wesleyan Band of	Mrs. Barrow.
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Hope.	Mrs. J. A. Fisher.
Mrs. Satherthwaite	Miss Beatrice Green.
Mrs. Legard	Mrs. Stisted.
Miss Norrington	F. Thomas, Esq., C.R.
Stanley Le Sage, Esq., Royalty	Scotland Yard
Theatre.	·

The Officer Commanding the Depot regrets that, owing to the rush of work at the commencement of the war, it was not always found possible to acknowledge all parcels; he trusts, however, that those to whom no acknowledgment was sent will now accept the grateful thanks of the Regiment In future a list of the donors will be published monthly in The Queen's Own Gazette.

Office.

Comforts sent to 1st Battalion since May 1st.

List continued from Page	8822, May No. of "Q.O.G."
May 5th	1,000 Boxes Bryant & May's Matches.
May 7th	144 Respirators.
May 7th	ettes, vaseline, etc., etc.
Mey 21st	18 Parcels, containing 68 Shirts.
	187 Pairs of Socks, 12 Pairs of
	Pants, 12 Vests.

Comforts sent to the 2nd Battalion since May 1st.

May 5th	
In addition to the above,	252 Pairs of Socks, 24 Vests.
Battalion, consisting of	another consignment is ordered to go to the 2nd
kerchiefs, etc.	Cigarettes, Bootlaces, Soap, Toothbrushes, hand

We regret to announce the sudden death of Lieutenant C. J. F. Burr, 1-5th Battalion at Jhansi on May 8th. No particulars have yet been received.

Also the death from wounds on May 21st, of Captain C. F. Waterfield, 45th Rattray's Sikhs. He joined our 6th Battalion on its formation in August last, and served with it for some months; he was a fine officer, and his loss is greatly deplored.

OUR WOUNDED COMRADES.

The following are the names of persons in the neighbourhood of Maidstone, who have very kindly lent their gardens or cars for our wounded, and to whom the Regiment offers its most heartfelt thanks:

Evelyn Seymour, Esq.	Mrs. Bonham-Carter.
Colonel H. M. Warde.	Mrs. Gill.
B. P. Boorman, Esq.	Mrs. Park.
D. F. Doorman, Esq.	
W. Fremlin, Esq.	The Baroness Orczy.
Miss Agnes Richards.	Mrs. Best-Dalison.
A. B. Urmston, Esq.	Miss Hammond.
William Martin, Esq., Mayor of	Miss Bèrtha Wigan.
Maidstone.	William Wigan, Esq.
Rev. T. G. L. Lushington.	Mrs. Forster.
Mrs. Bridge.	Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake.
Mrs. Case.	Mrs. Barton Clark.
	Mrs. Turner.
Lady Samuel.	
Mrs. G. A. Cooper.	The Hon, Mrs. Ralph Nevill.
Mrs. C. Paine.	A. Leney, Esq.
Mrs. A. Allwork.	Mrs. Aird.
Mrs. Slingsby.	Mre. H. Payne.
Miss Long.	Col. E. Wyndham Bailey.
Mrs. Stevens.	Mrs. Henry Lushington.
Mrs. Bunting.	Miss Mercer.
Mrs. Ralph Cook.	Mrs. Dibble.
1. Brocklebank, Esq.	Mrs. Ball.
Mrs. Reid.	Sir Reginald MacLeod.
Lady Arthur Butler.	The Viscountess Falmouth.
Mrs. Eveline Johnson.	J. Chapman, Esq.
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WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.

We have received the following communication from Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Dalison:

Towards the end of April the Officer Commanding the Depot asked me to bring my mind to bear on the question of how to help our Prisoners of War, and a scheme was being evolved, when I received a visit from Mr. J. L. Spoor, who told me he was organising a county movement under the auspices of the Association of the Men of Kent and Kentish Men, and this Association has now made an appeal to the whole county for funds to send parents of food and an appeal to the whole county for funds to send parcels of food and

necessaries to our prisoners.

Every man in the Regiment who is a prisoner is known, as also the camp in which he is interned, and to each man the following postcard has been sent:—"The Right Hon. Lord Harris and your

the camp in which he is interned, and to each man the following postcard has been sent:—"The Right Hon. Lord Harris and your friends and neighbours in Kent are not forgetting you and wish to know what comforts and necessaries you really require, and which are allowed to be sent. Communicate this to all men whose homes are in Kent; also to Buffs and West Kents. Let me hear how you are getting on.—J. L. SPOOR, Rede Court, Rochester."

Many grateful replies have been received by Mr. Spoor all asking for food, clothing or boots, and reading between the lines, one can easily see the German plan, i.e., to make us feed our own Prisoners of War as well as theirs.

Every prisoner has now had a parcel sent to him containing 4lbs. of bread (in tins), 1lb. tin of beef, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, as well as sooks and underclothing. Further supplies of food are also being despatched every week. I think, therefore, I may safely say that the Regiment may make their minds as easy as possible under the circumstances, and feel that they, and the county are doing what they can to help their comrades in adversity. The Regiment has subscribed £50 to this Fund, (£25 from Sir E. Leach's Comforts Fund and £25 from Depot Funds) It is hoped that in the next issue of the Queen's Own Gazette we shall be able to say we have heard from the men that they have received the goods. from the men that they have received the goods.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Editor is anxious to publish this paper earlier in the He would, therefore, be grateful if cormonth, if possible. respondence could be forwarded to him not later than the 25th of each month.

COLONEL A. MARTYN.

The Regiment will rejoice to hear that Colonel A. Martyn has been appointed to the command of the 55th Brigade, 18th Division, with the temporary rank of Brigadier General. It will be remembered that he was the first Commanding Officer to be given a Brigade (13th) in October last, when he was granted the temporary rank of Colonel, being afterwards promoted a Brevet Colonel for services in the field. Owing, however, to his being wounded early in November, he was compelled to relinquish his command of the Brigade.

Our 7th Battalion is one of the Battalions of the 55th Brigade.

CAPTAIN G. D. LISTER.

Although Captain R. J. T. Hildyard has been promoted to a Majority in the Regiment, over the head of Captain G. D. Lister, it must not be assumed that this supersession will be permanent.

As our readers are aware, Captain Lister was wounded early in the war, and taken prisoner, but at the conclusion of the war, he will be promoted, and re-instated in his proper place.

COMFORTS FOR OUR PRISONERS OF WAR,

In response to an appeal from our prisoners of war, the Sergts of the Third and Ninth Battalions, subscribed the sum of £7, which was sent to Mr. Spoor, who kindly replied as follows: — "1 am sending to Sergt. Fermor, Wahn, in one parcel, 33 pipes and a good supply of cigarette papers, and in another parcel 2,000 cigarettes. 7lbs. Navy cut and 2lbs. Nosegay. To Corpl. Peill, Doeberitz, 36 pipes, cigarette papers, and a second parcel of 2,000 cigarettes, 7lbs. Navy cut and 2lbs. Nosegay; and to Sergt. H. Sewell, Gottingen, 27 pipes, cigarette papers, and a second parcel of 1,500 cigarettes, 7lbs. Navy cut and 2lbs. Nosegay. This will keep them going for a while. It is very good of you to send these things out. I will write to each camp telling them the stuff comes from you.—Yours truly, J. L. SPOOR." In response to an appeal from our prisoners of war, the Sergts.

PRIVATE G. TURNBULL HONOURED.

We are indebted to "N.E. Daily Gazette," Middlesbrough, for the foliowing:

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A meeting under the auspices of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Middlesbrough, to-day, the object of which was to impress upon the wholesale and retail traders the need for stimulating recruiting.

In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman W. J. Bruce), who was on Tyneside, the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Mattison) presided, and there was a representative attendance, including a number of Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Tom Wing, M.P., was the chief speaker, and, in introducing him, the Chairman apologised for the absence of the Mayor, who had been unexpectedly called to Newcastle to be presented to His Majesty the King.

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Before Mr. Wing was called upon, Alderman Mattison presented Private G. Turnbull, of Frederick Street, North Ormesby, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, with the distinguished conduct medal. The medal was earned by "conspicuous gallantry, coolness and resource." Pte. Turnbull repeatedly left the trenches under heavy fire and obtained reliable information. He also accounted for six German snipers, whose rifles he brought back.

Pte. Turnbull met with a fine reception, and the Chairman, in pinning on the medal, remarked upon the worth of Middlesbrough men at the front. They were always hearing of their bravery. The Fourth Yorkshires lately had done their duty in braving the Huns, but their gallantry in a column was different from that of Pte. Turnbull, who alone faced grave perils. He hoped Pte. Turnbull had not been seriously affected by his wound (which is in the foot), and that he was a brave man.

Pte. Turnbull said he was pleased and proud to receive the decoration. "If I had another foot in place of the one damaged I would go back to-morrow. It is the duty of every able-bodied man to offer himself for his country. They should be glad to go. No one wishes to go back to the front, no matter what they say, but I would go back and do my best" (loud cheers).

THE BRITISH BRIGADE AT YPRES.

Sir,—The following is an extract from your report of Lord Kitchener's statement in the House of Lords:

"The Canadians, however, were soon supported by British Brigades pushed up, and the enemy's advance was thereby checked." I want to tell you that the "pushing up" of those British Brigades was one of the most glorious episodes of the war. They went up in broad daylight, in skirmishing order, in face of the most awful shell fire, it seemed impossible that any of them would reach the trenches. Their exploit will bear comparison with Balaclava and I hope the day will come when a more able pen than mine will tell the world of the deeds performed by our incomparable infantry in front of Ypres. I am thankful for the privilege of having been a witness of their heroism and offer them the undying admiration of—Yours. etc. of-Yours. etc.

A GUNNER. Red Cross Hospital, Harlow, Essex, May 19th.

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The above letter, which appeared in the Morning Post of May 21st, refers amongst others to the 13th Brigade, in which our First Battalion is. They were given one hour to march 2½ miles, and then attack, across the open at 3 p.m., under heavy shell fire. The Scottish Borderers were on the right, and the First Battalion on the lett of the Firing Line. An officer who was, present states: "It certainly appeared to us when we commenced our attack that what we were about to do meant annihilation, and this was practically so in the case of the Scottish Borderers, but we had better ground to advance over, and only had just over 100 casualties, including two officers killed—Bradley and Daubeny; and two wounded—Cobb and Maunder. We managed to establish a line about 200 yards from the enemy, having advanced from eight hundred to one thousand yards under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

"The attacks made afterwards by the other Brigades, while we held the line we had thus established, were made after more elaborate preparations than we had been able to make, and with considerably more artillery support."

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The Officer Commanding Depot forwards us the following letter for publication:

HORTON KIRBY & DISTRICT DRILLING & RIFLE CLUB,

Affiliated to the Kent Volunteer Fencibles.

Sir,—As Commander of the above Club, I have on behalf of the Club, which organised the meeting a notice of which I enclose, much pleasure in enclosing you my cheque for £25 14s. 10d., which we hope you will use for providing comforts for our County Regiment of whom we are so justly proud. It is but right to add that our meeting was much helped by men parading from other units at Dartford, Bexley, Eynsford, Swanley and Sutton-at-Hone, as well as by the general public. We were also much indebted to General Grove for coming down to speak.

Finally, you will be gratified to know that Sergt.-Major Brown, late of the Royal West Kent, was the initiator of our meeting, and it was mainly owing to his enthusiasm and example that our meeting was such a success, and that I am able to remit you such a substantial sum.—Believe me, yours faithfully,

COURTENAY C. S. FOOKS, Commander of Unit.
The Officer Commanding, Depot,
Royal West Kent Regiment, Maidstone.

AN APPEAL FROM A WIFE.

Mrs. T. Francis, 88, High Street, Sevenoaks, would be grateful for news concerning her husband, No. 7289 Ptc. T. Francis, D Company, 1st Battalion. He was reported to her as wounded on April 18th, but she has heard nothing more of him.

AN APPEAL FROM A MOTHER.

Mrs. Birch, 33, Holly Road, Chiswick, W., would be grateful for news concerning the death of her son, No. 10392 Corporal S. F. Birch, 1st Battalion, who was killed in action on February 22nd.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

Since last issue. Unless otherwise stated, subscriptions are to December, 1915:—

Mrs. E. Harvey.
Major O'Dowda (1916).
Mrs. Dinwiddy.
Lieut. H. B. H. White, D.S.O.
Captain Graham.
Miss W. Eccles.
Rev. Canon Grant.
Lieut.-Col. C. R. Crosse, M.V.O.
Sergeant Hadgkiss.
D. R. Pack Bergesford. Esq.

D. R. Pack Beresford, Esq.

Sergt.-Major Martle. Sergt.-Major Martie.
Colonel Satterthwaite, C.B.
Randall Mercer, Esq.
Mr. W. Brown (1916).
Lieut.-Col. O. J. Daniell (1914).
Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Boscawen.
Lc.-Sergt. J. Rogers,
Sergt.-Major J. Wren (1916). G. H. Austin, Esq. (Aug., 1915).

::: The Fight for Hill 60. :::

Shortly after the action on Hill 60, Sir John French paid a visit to the 5th Division, and addressed the troops as follows:-

"Officers and men of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent, King's Own Scottish Borderers, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, East Surrey, Royal Engineers and

Mining Companies:

'It is in some respects a sad sight I see before me, but it is still a greater and more glorious sight—sad, because I see you so few in numbers, compared with what you were a week ago, but a greater sight because I can speak of victory—a glorious victory.

"Well, men, I have come here at the first opportunity I could get to tell you in a few brief words how deeply

and truly I appreciate your magnificent conduct.

"The operation which you carried to such a glorious conclusion was one of very great importance to us, and the result of that operation will prove very far-reaching. That operation was planned and conceived by the General Officer commanding the Division, who was on that ground before you, also by General Bulfin and Colonel Jerome, but it fell to your lot to carry it out on the night of last Saturday, the 17th April. The officers and men of the Royal West Kent Regiment and the King's Own Scottish Borderers most gallantly and splendidly took that position and captured it.

"When they got there, they found they had only done a small part of their task. Throughout that terrible night they had to hold it under a most terrific fire. required greater tenacity or courage on the part of every These two Battalions held that hill throughout that long night. In the morning they had to throw back a series of the most violent counter-attacks of the enemy, who knew the worth of that hill. It was worth more to him than to us for the purpose of observing fire-it was his best observation post. It serves this purpose for us. When he was turned out of it, he used every means to get it back, and whatever we may accuse the Germans of, we shall never accuse them of cowardice-everybody must allow that. They are foemen worthy of your All the more glory to those two Battalions who showed the utmost courage and tenacity. was necessary to relieve them, their time had come, they had done enough, but I am convinced they would have stayed to the last man.

Then came the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment. They came to the relief of those two gallant Battalions and the same thing awaited them. The enemy continued those violent attacks, and again our men showed what British soldiers can do. With equal tenacity and courage, for thirty-six hours they held that hill, and again threw

back those attacks with tremendous losses.

"Then their turn came to be relieved—then came the Bedfordshires and East Surrey Regiments. same old story once more. Whenever the shock comes you see British Battalions doing the same thing. was the same fire and deadly losses to the enemy.

"This account does not tell one thousandth part of that glorious struggle. I wish I could use words to describe what I really feel. I can only thank you with all my

heart. I find it difficult to speak about it. I thank Generals Smith-Dorrien, Ferguson and Morland, on whom the chief responsibility rested, and what a terrible responsibility it was. I thank your Brigade Commanders, and you all know what a terrible responsibility rests on Commanders at such a time.

"If you look at the casualty lists, you will see the losses among officers is proportionately very great. officers know very well whom they are leading-men who will follow them to the death. This confidence of officers

and men in each other is the secret of our success.

'We have sometimes heard it said that education, better moral bearing, and temperance will destroy fighting power, but if this campaign has proved one thing more than another it is the falsity of that statement. not wish to belittle the glorious deeds of our soldiers in the past, but I will say that this campaign has brought greater honour to the rank and file than any campaign which has preceded it. I would recommend you to think about this, and to remember it.

"Well, officers and men, I can only once more return you my warmest and most sincere thanks, and express my deep admiration for the magnificent devotion and glorious courage you displayed. I am absolutely sure that your country will take a just and right view of the way you have served

THE TAKING OF HILL SIXTY.

STORY BY MAIDSTONE'S OLD RECRUITING SERGEANT.

THE WEST KENT'S SURPRISE ATTACK.

THE WEST KENT'S SURPRISE ATTACK.

We knew him—everyone knew him—as the Recruiting Sergeant at Maidstone Barracks. We know him now as one of those who went unscathed though the fight for Hill 60. Company Sergeant Major Wm. F. Hannan here he was in the old County Town at the beginning of the week, looking, we canot say "in the pink," for the rigors of war had left their mark on him, and, besides, he was recovering from a wound inflicted by a German bullet, which went ploughing through his left side, missing, as by a miracle, his heart; but, at any rate, he was not down-hearted.

His luck throughout has been miraculous—and here's more luck to him, for he is a fearless soldier, to whom the honour of the West Kents is very dear. He is one of the very few who, going out with the old regiment from Dublin, escaped up to last month the murderous rain of shot and shell. This implies a tremendous experience of modern warfare, from the tragic Retreat from Mons to the facing of poison fumes, the cowardly resort of a despicable enemy, who found British pluck and endurance unbreakable.

The Company Sergeant Major's story of Hill 60 is simple and straightforward enough, but it does not require a very fertile imagination to realise the grim terrors of that dash up the mine-torn slopes by the gallant West Kents. It is a picture which should burn into the mind as acid on steel.'

It would seem that the West Kents, on April 10th, were in billets in "Canvas Town" (wherever that may be), expecting eight days' rest. A few days "off" they certainly had, when suddenly they were informed that the West Kents and the King's Own Scottish Borderers would rehearse the taking of Hill 60. As a matter of fact, the operation was rehearsed twice, the West Kents being the attacking party and companies of the K.O.S.B. forming the "fatigue" party to dig communicating trenches and to strengthen the position. At 9 p.m. on Friday, April 17th, after a difficult march, in the course of which they had to wade through deep water in disused trenches, every

Throughout the whole day the Battalion lay doggo—crouched down, quiet as mice; everything depending on the surprise they were to give the Germans. Here it would be interesting to enter into a psychological consideration of the position. Imagine the nervous strain of those terrible hours of waiting. What 3.4 the men do? Sat smoking, getting a bit of food; anything to pass the time away. So said the C.S.M. And we may be sure that every man bore himself as the West Kents do in a tight corner.

Each awaited, with fixed bayonet, the fateful hour of 7 p.m.

At that moment the roar of an explosion was heard. The ground trembled and great lumps of earth were thrown into the air. A mine near the German trenches had been exploded. This was followed by two explosions at intervals of ten seconds. The third explosion was the signal for which the men were waiting. With magnificent dash they rushed forward and took the positions on the hill held by the foe. The force was irresitible, and owing to the surprise they had few casualties. B Company then took up their places in the firing trench, and D and A Companies moved up in support simultaneously. These two companies suffered from shell-fire which swept the supporting trench.

"I have," remarked our informant, "experienced some heavy shell-fire, but I have seen nothing like this."

To continue the story. About 4 a.m. on Sunday, the 18th, B and C Companies, who, as we have seen, were in the firing line, were relieved by the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and it was while "handing over" that Major Joslin and Lieut. Walker were killed. The battle-worn companies then came back into reserve dug-outs, where they remained until 4 p.m., finally being relieved about 6 p.m. Oh reaching "Canvas Town," they were heartily acclaimed by the troops, who shouted "Good Old West Kente!" But the victory had been dearly won. Ten officers were killed or wounded, and, roughly speaking, there were 300 casualties in the ranks. Readers of the "Kent Messenger" will recall the case of Pte. Chapman (10358), of B Company, who was killed when bombthrowing during the operations on Hill 60. His father was serving in the same Company.

The Regiment "came to rest" after their terrific struggle, and remained quiet till the 22nd. Then orders to move came, but where? The men thought they were going back to Hill 60, but no. News had come in that the Germans had broken through the "French-Franco" lines to the north-east of Ypres, and the West Kents moved off to the village of V—, where they joined the Brigade, and the ground lost was won back. The position was held until they were relieved by a Territorial Brigade on the 24th.

Two days afterwards found the West Kents supporting a big French attack, the Battalion digging themselves in 500 yards behind our Allies. The French appeared to be going ahead well, but it was then that the Germans tried the gas poisoning devilry, and before the creeping cloud of death the French had perforce to retire behind the West Kents. Captain Wilson, of the R.W.K.R., here specially distinguished himself, for it was mainly owing to his skill that the French troops came through safely. The Kentish men felt the effect of the sumes to some extent—just enough, as C.S.M. Hannan said, to parch one and make one feel very uncomfortable.

At 3 p.m. on Monday, April 26th, O.S.M. Hannan was wounded and after being taken to hospitals in Boulogne and Le Havre, was embarked for Southampton. Subsequently he was taken to Christchurch Hospital, Hampshire, where he remained until May 15th when he came to Maidstone to enjoy, after nine months' hard campaigning, a well-earned sick furlough.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following:-

MORE PRAISE FOR THE WEST KENTS.

The General Commanding 2nd Army Corps said in a speech to the Royal West Kent and Duke of Wellington's Regiments:—

"I have come to say to you what I have just said to the other half of the Brigade. This is a strenuous campaign, hard fighting having been indulged in, and no Brigade has done more tenacious, more severe fighting than has fallen to the lot of the 13th during the past few weeks. It was first called upon to commence operations on Hill 60, where you took the leading part; then transferred to the area round Ypres, and took a prominent part in operations there, which the Commander-in-Chief has named the second Battle to Calais. You relieved units which were rendering temporary assistance. Again you returned to Hill 60, and the utmost credit is due to the gallantry shown by your officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who carried out their duties admirably. Part of the Brigade was taken to reinforce the — Divisions, who were subjected to a severe attack from the enemy, and here again you showed up very well."

The following article appears in the Annual Publication of the Association of Kentish Men and Men of Kent, and is reproduced by kind permission of the writer:—

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

I believe that when the history of the present war comes to be impartially written, the deeds of the British Army will shine forth as among the most brilliant ever achieved by soldiers of any nation. Among those specially distinguished none can hold a higher place than the officers and men of the Royal West Kent Regiment, and it therefore gives me exceptional pleasure to be allowed to say something, however inadequate, about these unconquerable sons of my native county, who certainly have neither the art nor desire to advertise themselves.

In the Boer War it was the luck of the 2nd Battalion worthily to represent us. This time the 1st Battalion (the old 50th or "Dirty Half-Hundred,") has earned great renown for the regiment. At the outbreak of the present war that Battalion, having been told off to form part of our Expeditionary Force, reached Mons on the afternoon of August 22nd, and almost immediately came into action. They were immensely out-numbered, but helped to keep the Germans in They were check for days, frustrating a most formidable effort to turn the left flank of the Allies, and to smash our "Contemptible Little Army." Their list of casualties showed that they were in the thickest of the fight. Then came our masterly retreat from Mons, the ruin of the German offensive, and the great Again when the Germans tried to break through to Calais the West Kents were in the fighting line, losing officers and men. But perhaps their greatest exploit was in the neighbourhood of Neuve Chapelle when, after severe previous fighting, for six days and nights, from October 24th, they were called upon to make superhuman efforts to prevent the Germans piercing our lines, and nobly they responded. At one time the enemy, in vastly superior numbers enfiladed them, and they were attacked simultaneously on the front, the left flank, and the left rear. Yet those of them who survived, managed to hold on to their position without ever being compelled to withdraw, until relief came. Their losses had been so great that they were taken out of action by a Lieutenant, he and a 2nd Lieutenant being the only unwounded officers.

For the heroic conduct of the West Kent Regiment on this occasion praise has been lavished on them from all quarters. Suffice it to quote a few words from a speech by the General of their Army Corps, Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, who came specially to bestow on them what was their due:—"I am perfectly certain that there is not another battalion that has made such a name for itself as the Royal West Kent. Everybody is talking about you. They say:—'Give them a job. They will do it. They never leave the trenches. It is perfectly certain they will stick it out.' I told the Commander-in-Chief (Sir John French) yesterday that day after day I had been trying to address you. In fact, I have been out here three times. He said:—'That is a magnificent regiment'."

To add to this eulogy would be an ante-climax. After the glorious but fatal days referred to above the Battalion has again been brought up to something like its full strength, and we may rest assured that it will continue to render the best possible account of itself. These quiet unassuming fellows from the Thames riverside, from such towns as Maidstone, Sevenoaks, and Bromley, from Kentish villages, or London suburbs, though some of them perhaps do not understand the meaning of it, may be relied on always to act up to the spirit of their fine regimental motto:—"Quo fas et gloria ducunt."*

*Whither right and glory lead.

News from the Battalions.

FOOTBALL. BATTALION 1ST

In our April issue we gave an account of the annual competition for the Battalion Football Shield, which was won by D Company. Owing to the fact that the tournament was played on active service, it was thought that some special recognition should be made of the event. A silver medal, of which we give a drawing, has therefore been struck, and each member of the team will receive one of these medals with his name engraved on the rim. We think it due to Sergeant S. J. Cronk to state that the original idea came from him, and that he kindly offered to contribute to the cost, but Colonel Martyn has decided that the expenses

should be defrayed out of Regimental Funds.

Unless instructions to the contrary are received by the Editor of the Queen's Own Gazette before June 30th, these medals will be forwarded to the home address of each man who composed the team.



BATTALION. 2ND

So stirring are events at your end and of so uninteresting a nature is our daily life at this end, that scarcely dare I write to you concerning it. There are amongst us some whose imaginations are of such vividness and fertility that, with even such meagre material as is to hand they could doubtless weave for you a story of our deeds which in brilliancy of colour and complexity of texture would be fully worthy to be placed alongside those of the heroes of the Arabian Nights, on the borders of whose realms we are even now sitting. For myself, however, my length of years (for heaven's sake don't let the printer miss the "y") has tended to cramp my style somewhat, so that I see only the facts. These are so bare and barren that I have felt it better to leave them in a mere diary form, and let them speak for themselves, if they have the face so to do. I append our diary.

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Do not, however, imagine that the flatness of our existence has in any way levelled our high spirits. Hope springs eternal in the Kentish breast, and on the slightest provocation we become convinced that our Brigadier is about to let loose the dogs of war. Failing this, we dig like rabbits all day, play violent games of football and stump cricket in the evening, and at night snore like

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Not to be altogether left behind by those in Europe, we also are becoming versatile to a degree. No. 1 Company provide a detachment of men who are acting as Marines on board H.M. armed launch Comet. They are becoming extremely nautical in their manner, their trousers grow almost visibly wider at the bottom, they shiver their timbers on the slightest provocation; and, oh, horrors! they have learnt to drink rum. The subject is too painful to pursue.

No. 2 Company adopt a somewhat superior attitude, as they now provide a detachment who man and fight a field gun captured from the Turks. Their great opportunity was during a night alarm, but unfortunately the gun refused to work otherwise it was a great success. They are a smart team and I should hate to be the wretched Turk who gets in front of their gun when it goes off, as it fires a home-made shell full of nails, wire and whatnot.

No 3" Company are our building contractors, and will in no time run up overhead cover that reminds one, almost painfully, of the verandah of Thames Bungalows, or produce an anti-Zeppelin dugout that would be worth its weight in gold in England nowadays.

No. 4 provide our barbed wire experts and what they don't know about entanglements, trip wires, flares, mines and empty tins, is

better not known. Also they have a choir, whose singing is of a quality that defies criticism from a mere amateur like myself.

The weather is gradually stoking up and the hot weather is very nearly on us. The nights, however, are beautifully cool. The health of the Battalion is excellent and we have very few in hospital. Amongst these is Captain Searight, who should, however, soon he back with us. Captain (name omitted) has left us to become Staff Captain to another Brigade, and Second Lieutenant Piggott is Adjutant and Quartermaster of the Base Depot at Basrah.

Beyond this there is nothing to relate. I am enclosing a sketch by Lance Corporal Dade, which you may be able to produce. The sketch illustrates the interior of one of the two barges in which the Battalion was towed up by paddle steamer from Basrah to Kurna.

News from outside reaches us in thin streams and it is not easy to form a true picture of events in Europe. It seems clear, however,

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DIARY OF 2nd BATTALION R.W. KENT REGIMENT.

20th January.—Order to mobilise received.
28th January.—Entrained and left Nasirabad in two trains ing to railway being narrow gauge.
29th January.—Changed to one train on broad gauge at Ruta, leaving at 7 a.m.

30th January. — Arrived at New Docks at Bombay about ten a.m. and embarked forthwith in the British India Company's s.s. Elephanta, having on board also one Mule Corps and one Brigade Supply Column. Brigade headquarters and two other Battalions of the Brigade also embarked in two other British India ships. Sailed 2.30 p.m.

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1st February.—Arrived at Karachi at daybreak. Embarked No.

3 Company, who had been detached at Haidarabad (Sind). Also embarked one bridging train. The remaining Battalion of the Brigade also embarked here this day. Sailed 10 p.m.

2nd February.—At sea.

3rd February.—At sea. Concert held at night.

4th February.—Arrived off Shatt-el-Arab Lightship at daybreak and anchored till mid-day. Passed Fao.

5th February.—Passed Anglo-Persian Oil Company's Depot. Anchored for night at Mohammerah.

6th February.—Arrived off Basrah: base of this Force.

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7th February.-Lay off Basrah awaiting orders.

8th February.—Transhipped to river steamer Salimi, with the men and stores in two steel lighters towed alongside. Started up

river about 3 p.m.

9th February.—Arrived at daybreak at Kurnah, situated in angle of junction of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates. Disembarked at Mazerah opposite Kurnah on left bank of Tigris. Went into bivouac in the lines of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, who were very kind in giving all available assistance and hospitality. The whole camp situated in amongst date palms, and quite invisible from without. Rain set in in the evening and continued all night.

10th February. — Pitched camp and dug Perimeter defences, At about 4 p.m. guns opened fire on enemy, who were clearly visible with numerous red and green standards about 2½ miles off. H.M. sloop Espiegle also joined in the firing from the river. A little sniping during the night.

11th February.—Battalion employed digging redoubts. During the previous day's firing, troops had swarmed on to every coign of

27th February. — Headquarters and Nos. 1 and 4 Companies embarked at 9.30 a.m. and picked up portion of Battery R.F.A. from Mazerah Arrived off Basrah about sundown and disembarked.

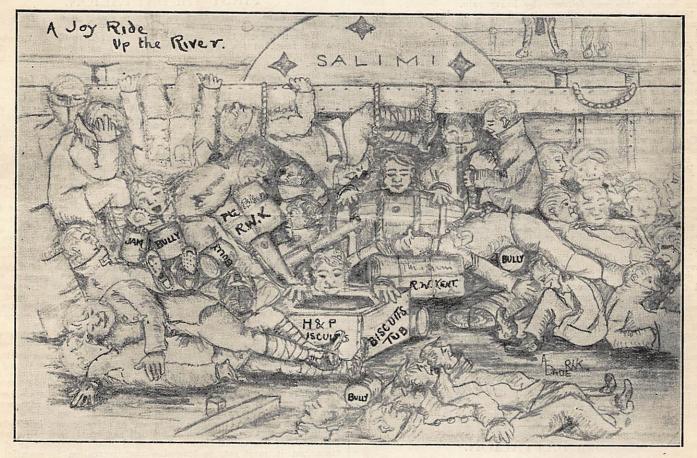
28th February.—Marched off to Makina Masus about two miles North of Basrah. Camped opposite large Liquorice Factory owned by an American Firm. Nos 2 and 3 Companies arrived from Kurna

about 8.30 p.m.

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1st March.—Camps both here and at Kurna situated amongst date palms on small patches of ground almost and sometimes entirely surrounded with irrigation channels. These channels are connected with the creek which runs westward from river just by our Camp. The river being tidal, these channels fill up, and on the top of the tide the water percolates through the loose soil and wells up into any hollow or low-lying places. Result—On awakening this morning all enthusiasts who had dug out their tents or bivouacs found themselves and their worldly goods affoat. A high tide will probably flood the Camp.

2nd March.-Company Parades and Fatigues.



vantage to watch the shells bursting. This resulted in the following order being published by the Brigadier—'Works and fortifications are not to be used as grand stands for viewing the effects of artillery fire upon the enemy! This will have a curious look to those who have been fighting in Europe.

12th to 16th February.—Digging redoubts. Rain on 14th.
17th February.—River had been rising steadily for some days.
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18th February.—Battalion working on erection of a dam to check floods. Working in water nearly to waist; rather cold for this part of the world.

19th February.—Moved across river to Kurnah. Camp consisted of small islands in between irrigation chainels, each island taking two or three tents. The second half battalion arrived after dark, in working wais and found their ground already water water. in pouring rain, and found their ground already under water. Rained hard all night.

20th February.—Whole place a sea of mud. Took over portion of the defences. Most of surrounding country under water. Working

on defences.

21st to 26th February.—Working on defences. Evening of 26th received orders to move to Busrah.

3rd March.—No. 3 Company provided escort to Convoy out to Shaiba. Shaiba is about 12 miles approximately West from Basrah and about 16 miles from our Camp. From Basrah to a point four miles from Shaiba, where a Shaiba Escort takes over the Convoy, the going is through mud and water, varying in depths from the knee to the hip, and good sticky, clayey mud at that. A fatiguing and unaccustomed duty. Orders received for one Company to move to Marid, a place up the Karun River, a few miles above its junction with the Shatt-el-Arab at Mohammerah. Later orders received cancelling this and directing two Companies to Ahwaz, some sixty miles further up the Karun than Marid.

4th March.—Nos. 2 and 4 Companies left for Ahwaz about noon by River Steamer "Malamieh." Reports in circulation to effect that there has been an engagement at Ahwaz on 3rd. a reconnaissance in force, in retiring from which we are supposed to have lost seven or eight British Officers and an indefinite number of Indian ranks. Practically no British troops engaged. Also fighting reported from Shaiba, in which we are supposed to have lost two British Officers killed and two wounded; also a few Indian casualties.

5th March.—Company Parades and Fatigues.

6th March.—Company Parades and Fatigues.

7th March.—Company Parades and Fatigues.

8th March.—No. 1 Company escort to Shaiba Convoy. Water a good deal deeper than on March 3rd. Much of Convoy had to be abandoned. Company returned at 7 p.m., after 12½ hours' marching, 10½ of which were passed in mud and water, frequently waist high.

9th March.—Shaiba Convoy in future to go out in boats.

10th March.—Headquarters and 30 men of No. 1 Company under Lieut. Clarke left for Ahwaz. These latter went for duty on board H.M. Armed Launch "Comet."

11th March.—Routing at Makina Masus. Companies at Ahwaz.

11th March—Routine at Makina Masus. Companies at Ahwaz busily digging and erecting fortifications. 12th March.—Headquarters arrived at Ahwaz. 13th March.—Routine. Remainder of Battalion ordered to Ahwaz 15th March.—Nos. 1 and 3 Companies left for Ahwaz on 8.8.

Blosse Lynch. 16th March.—Blosse Lynch delayed by damage to Port Paddle Wheel Met by H.M. Armed Launch "Sheitan," who ordered a

halt for the night.

17th March.—Simultaneous attack on Ahwaz Camp and on the Blosse Lynch reported as probable. Ship cleared for action but nothing happened, and Ahwaz was reached about noon. Violent dust

nothing happened, and Ahwaz was reached about noon. Violent dust storm raging, this was followed by heavy rain.

18th March.—Rained all night and most of day. Camp a sea of mud. About 9 pm. heavy firing started on right of our trenches, and rapidly spread along whole line. but everything subsided in a few minutes. Enemy heard firing in far distance during night.

19th March.—Total casualties in last night's battle, one dog. Still quite a good pyrotechnic display, thanks to searchlight and star shells, and some useful lessons learned.

30th March.—Spent digging, building, etc. In absence of fighting air thick with rumours, and many of us appear to be gifted with imagination of that high order so necessary in the equipment of really great soldiers. Occasional football matches; fierce drawn battles between Officers and Sergeants.

31st March.—A few shells from the enemy arrived in the vicinity of Camp to which our guns replied with punctilious politeness. No

of Camp to which our guns replied with punctilious politeness. No great result either way. This little outburst probably induced by the fact that we have now started Company and Battakion Manœu-

vre Parades.

1st April.—Battalion Parades and Digging.

4th April.—Easter Sunday. Church Parade, at which Major Kitson conducted the service. Question now whether after all this Officer has not mistaken his vocation. Officers of Battalion versus Officers of Garrison. Victory for us 1—0.

6th April.—Our Cavalry Post had brief engagement with Turkish Cavalry, who clad in brilliant red jackets, soon withdrew with three empty saddles.

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7th April. — Bad dust storm, followed by thunderstorm and heavy rain during afternoon and night.

8th April. - Days getting very! hot but nights still cool. Fleas

and flies very troublesome. 9th April. - Battalion Parades daily in morning; afternoon

occupied with digging and fatigues

12th April.—At 5.30 a.m. enemy commenced shelling the Camp.

H.M. Armed Launch "Comet" hit by second shell but not damaged. H.M. Armed Launch "Comet" hit by second shell but not damaged. Shelling continued throughout the day until about 6 p.m. Many shells landed in Camp and more passed over into the river. Only casualties one man of the Sappers and Miners hit, as were also two battery horses. Our guns replied, but whether they produced any effect remains to be heard. Enemy out at all points around us in small numbers. They withdrew at about 6 p.m. in the evening.

13th April.— As it was reported last night that Kurna and Shaiba had also been attacked yesterday, we hoped for further developments this day, but were disappointed.

3RD BATTALION.

The following officers joined the Battalion during the month of May:—Wounded from Expeditionary Force: Captain W. G. Yates, Captain C. V. Molony, Lieutenant G. G. Harris, Lieutenant J. E. Liebenrood. Special Reserve Officers on First Appointment: Second Lieutenants A. A. Watts, H. Millett, J. Cross, C. R. Chadwick, C. da Silva, R. H. Cale, J. F. Bellman, L. E. H. Whitby, J. H. Day, C. Hodgson, C. W. B. Jarvis and L. T. Vine-Stevens. Attached from 9th Battalion: Second Lieutenants R. B. Clarabut, E. C. Wilson, C. J. F. Dyer and B. H. Levett. As Draft Conducting Officer: Captain W. W. Gascoyne, The Buffs.

The following officers left the Battalion during the month of May to join the Expeditionary Force:—Regulars: Second Lieuts. J. S. Wacher and O. M. Fry. Special Reserve: Captain B. W. Parker, Lieutenant L. H. Cooper Second Lieutenants G. P. Burdett, E. J. Fulcher, C. T. Bennett, V. C. Sewell, W. M. Dobie, C. A. S. Pattisson, K. Sheriff.

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The day following the blowing up of H.M.S. Princess Irene, one of our Companies was employed for two hours picking up papers from the ship. A large haul was made, including a certain number of documents that were all the better for not being left lying about. A £5 note was also included in the find. These papers must have travelled for at least eight miles.

On Wednesday, 26th May, several officers attended the laying of the foundation stone of St. Augustine's Church, Gillingham. Our band provided the music at the ceremony and played during the subsequent tea. The Bishop of the Diocese, who dedicated the stone, said in the course of his address:—"Mr. G. K. Anderson gave one said in the course of his address:—'Mr. G. K. Anderson gave one thousand pounds, and to-day I am privileged to say he has given another one thousand pounds, making two thousand pounds in all, in order that the chancel of this church may be associated with the name of his gallant son, who made the supreme sacrifice of his life early in the war—an officer in the Royal West Kent Regiment, which has earned such exceptional distinction and glory in a war in which glory has been won by all—a Regiment which has lost hundreds of its officers and men, but has never lost a trench.''

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A most enjoyable concert was given on 12th May in the Y.M.C.A. Tent by members of the Rochester Cathedral Choir. The songs, especially several quartets, were delightful, and the kindness of the singers in giving us such a treat was much appreciated.

FIRST 4TH BATTALION.

What have we done that we have received no news from our 1st—4th Battalion since December last?

Were it not for the courtesy of the "Kent Messenger," to whom we are indebted for the following, as well as other articles that have appeared in that paper, we should know nothing of their doings. We should welcome any contributions.

Since I last wrote, Easter has come and gone, and, as far as we were concerned, was chiefly remarkable for the fact that on Easter Monday we enjoyed the first whole day's holiday that we have had since our arrival in the country. By holiday, I mean the first day upon which we have had absolutely no parades. There have, of course, been other holidays, such as Christmas Day, Good Friday, as well as numerous Sundays, but on these there is always church parade, if nothing else, and the day in question was therefore the first one on which the men have been allowed to do exactly as they liked, and the privilege was consequently greatly appreciated. During the evening a very successful open air concert was held, and Colonel Watney, the Commanding Officer, presided over an audience which included the greater part of all ranks of his battalion.

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"Another interesting function was the regimental sports of the 32nd Lancers, a splendid regiment of native cavalry, whose barracks adjoin ours at this station. The sports were exceptionally good, and speak volumes for the ability of this very fine-looking regiment. Incidentally I may mention that their Commanding Officer, Colonel Volume who is a very fine all round synchronic has killed five tiggers. round, who is a very fine all-round sportsman, has killed five tigers during the last week, within a comparatively few miles of Jubbulpore. Three of them, which were shot in the short space of two hours, were brought past the garrison football ground on a motor car during the progress of a match, and, needless to say, caused no little diversion amongst the spectators. The remaining two tigers fell to the Colonel's unerving rifle in almost the same piece of jungle a few aftermoons later. jungle a few afternoons later.

"From the soldiers' point of view, however, the thing that has aroused the keenest interest has been the competitions for the Walaroused the keenest interest has been the competitions for the Wallace Cup (football) and the Garrison Hockey Cup. These competitions are open to batteries and companies of British units stationed in Jubbulpore, and the final for the football cup took place on the Garrison Ground before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators, all the more keen because the two teams left to do battle for possession of the handsome silver trophy (valued at 400 rupees) were representative of the artillary and unfautrements of the artillary and unfautrements.

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"It may, perhaps, seem a little out of place to you in England for us to be thinking so much of football and sports generally, while thousands of our countrymen are engaged in the greatest war of all time, but it must not be forgotten that recreation is essential to the health of British troops in India, and it is necessary that it should be encouraged in every way possible. Moreover, as the final honours ultimately rested with a team connected with the mother-town of Tonbridge, the majority of the players being well-known in football circles in Tunbridge Wells, I may perhaps be excused if I make a little further reference to the match.

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"Of the earlier stages of the competition little need be said, except that the two best Company teams in the 4th West Kent (C and H) unfortunately met in the first round, and after a very keen struggle C claimed the victory by two goals to one. In the remaining rounds up to the final they had little difficulty in disposing of their opponents, and eventually found themselves pitted against No. 1 Battery of the Kent Brigade, R.F.R. The match itself was a typical cup-tie game. The infantry team were hot favourites, and should have beaten their opponents by more than the one goal, by which they eventually claimed the victory. On the other hand, the R.F.A. recognised that they had a hard nut to crack, and great credit is due to them for the stubborn fight they put up. The only goal of the match came shortly before half-time, Pte. C. Goodrich, at outside right, scoring with a nicely-placed shot in the corner of the net, well out of the reach of the goalie. In the absence through indisposition of the G.O.C. the Jubbulpore Brigade, the cup and

medals were gracefully presented by his wife, Mrs. Tidswell. Afterwards a scene of enthusiasm was witnessed, as, headed by the drummers, and accompanied by many hundreds of excited natives, the West Kent men carried the successful team shoulder high back to barracks.

to barracks.

"The Wallace Cup has now been in existence for about six years, and its ebony plinth is inscribed with the names of various companies who have won it, chiefly amongst the Royal Fusiliers and the 2nd Cheshire Regiment. The addition of C Company, 4th Royal West Kent Regiment, will be specially interesting, as it will be the first, and in all probability the last, Territorial unit, whose name appears on the cup. Many of C Company players will be probably recognised, owing to their association with various Tonbridge clubs. They were:—Goal, Pte. F. Large; backs, Lce.-Corpl. C. Carpenter and Pte. E. Tester; half-backs, Pte. P. Mathers, Pte. E. G. Jell and Pte. S. Hunt; forwards, Pte. C. Goodrich, R.-Sergt-Major J. Mills, Corpl. D. Collins, Pte. Mortimer and Corpl. C. Rabbitt.

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"The infantrymen have also been successful in securing possession of the Hockey Cup, for although the final has not yet been played, all other units of the Garrison have been knocked out, and G (Sevenoaks) and D (Tumbridge Wells) Companies alone survive to

contest the last meeting of the competition.

The writer goes on to mention that they have adopted the double-company system, and the following companies have been linked together: A and G, under Captain Robb; C and H, under Captain J. Henson; E and F, under Captain Kelsey; and B and D, under Captain Watney. Therefore A and G now form the new A Company; C and H the new B; E and F the new C; and B and D the new D.

FIRST 5TH BATTALION.

Another successful Boxing Tournament was held on Saturday, 17th April. This was the third tournament given since the arrival in India and some excellent sport was provided. The top of the bill was a six-round contest between Sergt. Instructor Darley and Gunner Gordon, 74th Battery R.F.A. The latter is a light-weight of no mean ability, Darley thereby giving about a stone in weight away. It, however, turned out to be a really good bout, and lasted until the fifth round, when Gordon was forced to quit after taking a deal of punishment. The officials for the tourney were:—Referee: Lieut. H. W. Wilson, R.F.A.; Judges, Captain G. S. Cooper, 5th Battalion the Queen's Own, Captain R. Heyland, 121st Pioneers; Timekeeper, Captain R. E. Satterthwaite, 5th Battalion The Queen's Own; M.C., Sergt.-Instructor F. J. Lander.

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Final results as follows:—Six Round Contests.—Sergt. Instructor Darley beat Gunner Gordon (74th Battery, R.F.A.) Ptc. Smeed (5th Battalion The Queen's Olym) beat Gunner Norton (74th Battery, R.F.A.). This was a very good fight, both taking a good deal of punishment, Norton being the principal receiver. Corpl. Jorden (R.A.M.C.) drew with Lee-Corpl. Blake (5th Battalion The Queen's Olym). (R.A.M.C.) drew with Lce-Corpl. Blake 5th Battalion The Queen's Own). A splendidly matched pair of bantams boxed at a very fast pace. The result well met the case. Pte. Williams drew with Pte. Wimbush. These two have met before, Wimbush coming out on top. On this occasion some vastly improved boxing was seen, and the two provided six rounds of good clean boxing. Wrestling Match.—Corporal Ashton (5th Battalion The Queen's Own) v. Gunner Forshaw (74th Battery R.F.A.) The former claims the welter-weight championship of Kent and the latter is a good middle-weight. This was an excellent display, the result being awarded to Ashton. Sword Swinging Exhibition by Gunner Parker (79th Battery R.F.A.), Champion Sword Swinger of the World. This title was gained by Parker in the middle of April in Jhansi, when he beat the previous record by Tom Burrows of 36 hours 2 minutes by 1 hour and 2 minutes; by Tom Burrows of 36 hours 2 minutes by 1 hour and 2 minutes; his average revolutions being 153 per minute. After the exhibition a medal was presented to Gunner Parker as a recognition of a wonderful feat of endurance, being subscribed to by the Sergeants of the Battalion.

SECOND 5TH BATTALION.

The Army List shows that we have a Battalion with the above designation, but we regret that since its formation we have never received any news from it. We should be most grateful to have some notes occasionally.

6TH BATTALION.

On Wednesday, May 5th, we were honoured with a visit from our Colonel, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., who commanded the 1st Battalion in the Nile Campaign.

The Battalion was drawn up in mass to receive Sir Edmund, who, after taking the salute, proceeded to inspect the various units. We then marched past in columns of platoons, followed by the signallers, stretcher bearers, transport, etc.

A square was then formed and the General addressed us as follows:—"Lieut.-Colonel Venables, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 6th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, it gives me very great pleasure to come and see you before you proceed on active service, and I wish you every success. I am convinced that you will uphold the credit of the Regiment and do honour to your King and country. I am much pleased with your appearance and steadness on parade, and I shall follow your movements with very great interest, and I wish you all God speed."

The General then read out some congratulatory messages received by the 1st Battalion after their assault on Hill 60.

Lieut.-Colonel Venables replied as follows: "General Sir Edmund Leach, on behalf of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of the 6th Battalion, I wish to express our thanks to you, sir, for coming here to-day, an honour which is very greatly appreciated by all ranks. I know I can confidently say that it is the wish of everyone of us to fit himself as quickly and thoroughly as possible for service in the field, and in some measure to emulate the deeds of the 1st Battalion.

Lieut.-Colonel Venables then called for three cheers for Sir Edmund Leach, which were given with great fervour, and which were briefly acknowledged by him.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, who was accompanied by Colonel T. H. Brock, afterwards had luncheon with the officers, and was photographed with them.

7TH BATTALION.

We are now at Codford St. Mary, near Salisbury, and hard at work at Divisional Training. With much regret we have to chronicle the loss of our Second in Command, Major G. E. Stevenson, who much to his, and our, disappointment, failed to pass the medical board for active service. To him belongs the credit of raising the Battalion, and instructing it, for the first month of its existence, in the way it should go, and it is very hard on both him and us, that he should be debarred from reaping the fruit of his labour. He has been appointed officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets at the Staff College. His successor in the Battalion is Major J. W. T. Fiennes, of the 1st Battalion.

A COMPANY.

The end of last month saw us all prepared for our week's trek. We billeted the first night at Ipswich, after a very successful march; We billeted the first night at Ipswich, after a very successful march; personally I passed the night with about a hundred others in an old dismantled aquarium, but others struck oil in the way of public houses and very friendly private houses. Next day we skirmished to Woodbridge (where we struck a Salvation Army Room and slept on the pews), and the following day reached the Labour Colony at Hollesley. We had a long night march while at Hollesley with an attack at dawn. We must have covered nearly twenty miles that night. Next day we again fought the enemy for many hours, but had to retire gradually on Woodbridge, continuing the retreat on the following day to Ipswich. We left at midnight, and covered the 18 miles back to Colchester in about eight hours, and with externelly few casualties. tremely few casualties.

We were now given our long-looked for furlough of three days-lough quite a "small" number of us seemed to have forgotten although quite a "small" number of us seemed to have forgotten how to count the days! On the 10th of May we entrained for Codford in the evening, arriving here at about four in the morning. Perhaps it was just as well that the place was shrouded in darkness. Perhaps it was just as well that the place was shrouded in darkness. It rather reminds one of a village fair—about two days after it is over. We have been doing much divisional training, and the battles fought on the Plains are now decidedly interesting. We got a bad attack of nerves (you can call it "Codforditis), after we had been here a week, and it had to be fully explained to us by our officers that we were not a Home Service Battalion, formed to guard gasworks in Scotland. Considering that we have actually seen our four eighteen pounders, heard of our two machine guns, and also had the latest rumour (which the Censor would cut out immediately), I do not think there is any doubt left of us being able to make I do not think there is any doubt left of us being able to make good at the front in a short time.

In the last week we have been through our last course of firing, for proficiency pay, and every one was glad to test his own rifle. The Huns will have to get up very early to beat the Kents, as we have reveille on firing days at 4.30 or 4.45. At odd times we are going on with our Whitsuntide sports, which are very much enjoyed. A platoon not unconnected with "Zam" has had a good deal to say as regards the prizes. An extra day's leave is now granted at weekends—a delightful arrangement, and if only Codford could supply us with something in the feminine line to while away the evenings, we would all be perfectly happy.

B COMPANY.

There is that week to look back to. One retired to London and There is that week to look back to. One retired to London and reposed at the end of it much wiser and certainly no sadder; and most of all by reason of one thing. After one long day's march and skirmish, just as your bedding is disposed of and your dinner cooked, to be told off at a moment's warning to go on outpost duty for the rest of the night; after another longer day's march and skirmish to be invited to pass the night in an empty and unhallowed have the description of the descr skirmish to be invited to pass the night in an empty and unhallowed haunt with bones in the cupboards, earwigs on the floor, and an allpervading crypt-like smell everywhere else—these things, on this side of the Channel, at all events, are hardly calculated to soothe at a late hour of the day. What actually did happen on these occasions convinced us that in War, no less than in Peace, no virtue can compare with a sense of humour; which is perhaps why many are devoid of one. At all events B Company isn't—a very poor outlook indeed for anyone who gets in their way hereafter.

And since—Codford. Charming place, Codford; fourteen miles from anywhere, hills, sun, wind, dust, guards and incinerators, especially incinerators; we are getting quite amused at the close of the fourth week. "Sursum corda!"

Amused, by the way, we certainly were by the last Battalion

Amused, by the way, we certainly were by the last Battalion sports. We have never seen the thing better done; but one could have wished, perhaps, a little less Wilsonan attitude on the part of B Company as a whole. Still we shall at least not forget the calm and assured manner in which Pte. Greengrass followed opponent after opponent from pole above to tarpaulin beneath. We can but wish him at some future date a springy girder between his veneer, a portly Obermann or so in front, and underneath, the Rhine.

As for the future we only know the 30th of June shall see us

As for the future we only know the 30th of June shall see us vagabonds again And may we forfeit all prophetic pretensions we ever had if the voices, that on that night of May from the dark cuttings of the N.L.R. so cheerily unshuttered half the windows of Islington, have not by August echoed down, down the windy ways of Havre, or thundered admittance across the Golden Horn.

C COMPANY.

Our work is now confined chiefly to Brigade and Divisional Training, with occasional musketry and throwing what the old lady at Ipswich persisted in calling, "Boombs." We have had a good deal of football during the light evenings, and we were privileged to be at the great match between the Cooks and the Sanitary Squad. What the great match between the Cooks and the Santary Squad. What the result was we cannot tell, but the game was very fast and furious. At some sports which were held on Whit Tuesday, the Company took part—or rather two parts—a large part of the sports and a small part of the prizes. The pillow fight was the most amusing, the competitors sitting on a pole across some water. It was a hot evening and nobody minded falling off very much.

D COMPANY.

The first week in May found us campaigning in Spartan style on the wastes of Suffolk. Marches, skirmishing, more marches and skirmishing, attacks, retirements, and night marches through sandy wastes after the order of the Sahara. Whew! However, we accomplished our week's trek, I think, satisfactorily, amidst ideal Spring weather. Our casualties were few or none. Then, on return to Calchester a blessed leave for which all and sundry were thankful. Colchester, a blessed leave, for which all and sundry were thankful.

The eleventh day found us far from Colchester; this time, Cod-Ine eleventh day found us far from Colchester; this time, Codford, Wiltshire. What a place! Beautiful as only England can be, but oh! the hills. We looked askance at these. We begin to wonder where to next. Surely soon we shall see the Unter den Linden, or the mosques and minarets of Constantinople. We hope so. Nine months—and nothing done as far as we are concerned. Our faith in the War Minister is great, but not greater than the faith in conveying.

The sports held at Whitsun were of the merriest kind. One and all missed the presence and personality of Major Stevenson, our late Second in Command, who has hitherto always officiated at the Battalion Sports. He has left us for Sandhurst, owing to an unavoidable decision of a Medical Board. Our regret is no greater than his. We can only wish him every success. Well do we remember his parody on "My llttle Grey Home in the West," which he simply had to sing at our numerous concerts, held in the old days at Purfleet.

once more D Company came to the fore this month—in the Brigade Miniature Range Competition. Competition No. 3: Collective Fire (a team chosen by lot), was won by No. 3 Section, No. 13 Platoon, Section Commander, Sergt. Millis. The team received a prize of £5. We pat ourselves on the back; we ought to do "great" at the next Musketry Course, which takes place early next month. The next time we aim at six o'clock with a loaded service rifle, may it be on something more substantial than a square of canvas that we find our mark. Although not altogether blood-thirsty we would like to do some of the real business. The waiting tries us sorely The Hun is busy with his airships, the only ship he dares to use nowadays, and we are waiting—so patiently—until the dares to use nowadays, and we are waiting—so patiently—until the day comes when we shall trek to a different place than Suffolk, to help administer a "coup de grace" on His Most Satanic Majesty the Hun.

8TH BATTALION.

We are getting so used to moving about that it would not some we are getting so used to moving about that it would not softa-as a very big surprise if we were to receive orders to proceed over seas at once. We are once again at our "old home," Shoreham-by-Sea, but, of course, under much better and more salubrious cir-cumstances and conditions. We arrived here on Monday, 19th April, 1915, but particulars of what we are doing can follow later. Just a word or two about our last day or two at Redhill. Short though our stay was, we had time to give a Farewell Concert to the people of the town, the following being an account of same which appeared in the Sussex Mirror, dated April 23rd, 1915:—

MILITARY ENTERTAINMENT.

CONCERT AT REDHILL.

A concert was given to the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Redhill, on Saturday. Thanks to the great kindness of Mr. H. Little, Lee-Sergeant J. H. Anderson, A concert was given to the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Redhill, on Saturday. Thanks to the great kindness of Mr. H. Little, Lce-Sergeant J. H. Anderson, who was asked to arrange the concert, was able to obtain the help of some local talent. The men also had the pleasure of hearing some very good items by some of the ladies of Redhill. The concert was opened by a pianoforte and piccolo duet at the piano. Mr. H. Little, jum. piccolo, Sergt. J. T. Hibbert. Private Cousin then obliged with a song entitled "Bid me to love," which was encored, after which we had a recitation by Private Barnden. Very acceptable was the contribution by Sergeant A. Pook, of Redhill, serving in the Army Pay Corps, who was home on leave. His first item was "Our Wedding!" which convulsed the audience at times. He greatly deserved the applause given, and he obliged with an encore. He also sang again during the second half of the programme with equal success. Sergeant J. T. Hibbert, of the 8th Royal West Kent Regiment, rendered a piccolo solo entitled "The Wren," in very fine style. Colour-Sergeant C. G. Pope then gave a song, the chorus of which was sung lustily by the "boys." and the ladies, too, we believe. The Misses Long and Marston contributed to the programme in the form of a dialogue, entitled "Geese," which was very successful. Miss Rice played a beautiful and most difficult pianoforte solo, which was encored, to which Miss Rice responded. Miss Harris whistled some popular airs, accompanying herself on the piano. This item was greatly appreciated by the audience, and the choruses were joined in by all present. Messrs. Ballard, Boswell and Piper, all of Redhill, added to the enjoyable evening by singing some very good songs, every one of which was voted a huge success, judging by the applause. By special request. Lce-Sergt. Anderson played some of the up-to-date popular airs, and the men showed by the words, thanked the Archdeacon and the clergy for their kindness in allowing the men of his re for these good people, and afterwards three cheers were given for the Colonel.—Refreshments and cigarettes were very kindly supplied by the Colonel's wife, Mrs. E. Vansittart. All present greatly appreciated this kindness.—The concert was concluded with "Auld lang syne," and the National Anthem, and we are sure that we can say nothing else than that it was a success.

A letter has been received from C.S.M. A. Lee, President of the Sergeants' Mess of the Royal West Kents, thanking the Committee of the Redhill Constitutional Club for the courtesy extended the Regiment by enrolling the men as honorary members of the club.

Now for a few particulars regarding our surroundings and work at our new station. For the first time since the formation of the Battalion, our move was greeted with sunshine. Of course that created a very good impression of the place at once. Breakfast was waiting for us when we arrived at 8 a.m., and very welcome it was too. Our barrack rooms consist of wooden huts 60 feet long by 20 feet wide; there is a door at each end which allows of plenty of fresh air to penetrate the rooms. There is plenty of room for everybody, only 30 men being allowed in a hut. The beds are comprised of two trestles, three planks, palliasse, bolster and blankets, and of two trestles, three planks, palliasse, bolster and blankets, and they are most comfortable. From enquiries I have made among many of the men of each company, I understand that they like this many of the men of each company, I understand that they like this life better than the billets, comfortable though they were in the majority of cases, but the reason they give for preferring this life is that "It is more like real soldiering." This indeed is very encouraging. We have splendid bathrooms, hot and cold water being obtainable, together with hot or cold sprays There is a very large institute or reading room at the disposal of the men; this is used very largely by everyone. On Monday we turned out in full marching order with packs for the first time; this has continued every day up to the time of writing. Great praise is due to the men for the splendid way in which they work with these packs on. We have much pleasure in publishing the following letter received from Headquarters, 72nd Brigade; being the outcome of a very plucky action on the part of No. 3144 Corporal W. A. Tiff, C Co. The fire occurred at Bungalow Town, near Shoreham, on 24th April, and the Commanding Officer, Col. E. Vansittart, took the opportunity of the Commanding Officer's Parade, of personally congratulating Corporal Tiff on the way in which he acted.

Headquarters, 72nd Brigade.

In a report submitted by the Assistant Provost Marshal concerning the fire which occurred in Bungalow Town on Saturday, 24th April, the following statement is made by him:—"Conspicuous among the men on the roof was No. 3144 Corporal W A. Tiff, of the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, who remained at his post until his putties were burnt off his legs and his breeches were also badly charred." The above extract is forwarded to you. The General Officer Commanding would be glad if you would communicate it to the Officer Commanding 8th Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment and to Corporal Tiff.

(Signed) H. T. KENNY Colonel Headquarters, 72nd Brigade.

(Signed) H. T. KENNY, Colonel, A.A. and Q.M.G., 24th Division.

Second Lieutenant J. Boorman and Lance-Sergeant E. G. Oliver proceeded to Aldershot to undergo a Course of Instruction in Gymnasia on 3rd May, 1915, and we expect that they will return full of vigour and quite ready to put the boys "through the hoop."

We are now well supplied with mules. Great fun was afforded the lookers on when they were being "broke in," though of course the same cannot be said with regard to those who were training the mules. Nothing of a serious nature occurred though many were

mules. Nothing of a serious nature occurred, though many were the falls received in the operation.

Congratulations are due to Lieutenant S. R. Paul who has the charge of this, the Transport Section. They have done wonderfully

well

An inspection of 72nd Infantry Brigade was made on 6th May by Lieut. General Sir A. Murray, D. Chief of Imperial Staff. He saw the Queen's Own first, and was heard to ask our Brigadier if all his Battalions were as good as this one. When leaving he said to Colonel Vansittart "You have a splendid Battalion." So we are doing "our bit" to keep up the reputation of the Regiment. No Battalion could have been steadier on parade or handled their arms

9TH BATTALION.

In the May number of the Gazette we were able to state that we had received our marching orders and were proceeding to Colchester. We are now settling down in our new quarters in the Essex Gazrison town, occupying Goojerat Barracks, vacated by the 7th Battalion.

The Battalion.

Our departure from Chatham on May 14th was made the occasion of a striking demonstration on the part of the townspeople. Our men had been billeted there, of course, for several months, and had conducted themselves so well — the Town Council's testimony to their excellent behaviour has already been recorded—that it was only natural that the townspeople should give the Battalion a hearty send off. Indeed, a Chatham paper went so far as to say that the farewell scene at the railway station had rarely been equalled in the district. Be that as it may, our send off was most gratifying. It was obvious to the observant that those who saw the Battalion off were animated by a friendliness that was gracious and that pleased the men not a little. We might have been going straightaway to ioin our gallant comrades in Flanders or elsewhere, so splendid was our send off. Thus we left Chatham, carrying pleasant recollections of our stay there, with us. Our train ran staight through to Liverpool St. where we had half-an-hour's wait, and we arrived at St. Botolph's Station, Colchester, at half-past five. The Battalion then marched to barracks, accompanied by the band.

By noon the next day things were pretty spick and span, and on the Monday we made ourselves well acquainted with the Barrack on the Monday we made ourselves well acquainted with the Barrack Square. Since our arrival at Colchester a service company has been formed, Major Taylor in command. The Company is about 160 strong. They are training hard and will soon be in a position to take their place in the field. The other Companies, too, are working with an enthusiasm that knows no bounds. Excellent progress is being made with musketry, bayonet fighting, physical training and the other elements that go to the making of the British soldier. We have done several route marches, night marching and carried out schemes. schemes.

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Soon after our arrival the General Officer Commanding inspected us. The Battalion formed up in mass on the square, and after inspection Major-General Jeffreys watched us carry out company drill. Lieutenaut Hearnden and Second Lieutenaut Melville-Jackson (D Company) have left us for a sunny clime and others will probably leave us shortly. Lieut Rowan of B Company, has also gone, joining the Sherwood Foresters with the rank of Captain. We congratulate him on his promotion, which he thoroughly deserved.

Two new officers have recently arrived—Second Lieutenant W. Miskin and Second Lieutenant Saveall.

It is pleasing to note that we have had two holidays since our arrival at Colchester—a half-day on Whit-Monday and a whole day on June 3rd, the latter being in celebration of the King's birthday. These little breaks in a vigorous training have good effect.

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We had a good deal to say about our "Drums" last month. Since these notes appeared, the flutes have made their debut amidst the cheers of the Battalion on a route march. Now we are waiting for the music stands for the arms of the flautists, and when these arrive, the "Drums," we are assured, will give us another taste of their quality. They are making great progress and the keenness of the drummers is most praiseworthy. Many of them are so keen that they spend a good deal of their leisure in private practice. Someone has declared that our drums are the smartest in the Garrison. Anyhow they rank with the best already.

With the object of stimulating interest in musketry, a Battalion Rifle Club is being formed, providing for inter-company competitions for the men. We hope to be able to say more in our next notes about the club, which will then, it is hoped, be in a flourishing condition.

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Talking about musketry, a number of our officers and N.C.O.'s have just completed a twelve days' divisional course on the subject.

have just completed a twelve days' divisional course on the subject. The cricketers in the Battalion—and we have some good ones—are making good use of the Barrack Square to wield the willow, On Saturday, May 31st, C Company played their first cricket match with the 13th Cavalry Reserve. A matting pitch was provided, the pace of which quite upset the batsmen, the majority of whom had not played on matting before. The 13th Cavalry wont he toss, and took first knock, but with the exception of Lieut. Mann, the Middlesex County player (33), and Corpl. Muller (15), they were unable to do much with Lee Corpl. Wycherley, the Kent colt, and were all dismissed for 68. Wycherley took six wickets. The West Kents started in disastrous style, losing three good wickets with no runs on the board. Lee Corpl. Marsh, however, came to the rescue with a well-played 33, being unfortunately run out. Sergt. Clark hit out, and with the last man in two runs were required to win, and amid great excitement two byes were obtained, the next ball clean bowling Sergt. Duffield, the West Kents winning by the narrow margin of one run. S.M. Blunden bowled splendidly for the losers, taking seven wickets. Score:—

13th CAVALRY RESERVE REGIMENT. Pte. Holden b Wycherley. 0 Pte. Shaw b Mathes 1 Lt. Mann c West b Wycherley . 33 Corpl. Muller b Marsh 1 Lt. Matthews b Wycherley . 8 SM. Blunden b Marsh 4 Sergt. Shirley b Wycherley . 0 Sergt West not out 0 Pte. Howarth b Wycherley . 0 Pte. Scoot b Wycherley . 0 Pte. Scoot b Wycherley . 0 Pte. Scoot b Wycherley . 0	
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10TH BATTALION.

The Vice-Lieutenant of the County has addressed the following letter to the Editors of the Kent papers:—

Sir,—As Vice-Lieutenant of the County, I have been invited by the Army Council to endeavour to raise another Regiment of Infantry in Kent. I have pointed out that to do so must to some extent conflict with recruiting for existing units, but the Army Council having confirmed their invitation I have felt it my duty to make the effort, subject to certain requests which have been granted.

I was aware that certain public bodies in the County had received requests of a similar character, and I submitted that, having regard for the specially heavy demands for recruits for existing units on one County, the combined efforts of the whole County were essential if success was to be ensured. This was admitted; and therefore I am issuing this appeal for assistance in recruiting to all local governing bodies in the County.

The War Office has solved a difficulty I was in as to the proper title for a Kentish Regiment, as our County Regiments, The Buffs and the Royal West Kents, which have won so much distinction in the War, are each identified with one of our County Divisions, by deciding that the title shall be the "loth (Service) Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment (Kent County)."

The War Office ask for 1,350 of all ranks, viz., four double Companies (240) men and a fifth Company in Reserve at the Depot It is intended, if possible, to raise two double Companies in East and West Kent respectively.

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Arrangement will be made that friends shall serve together in Sections, Platoons and Companies, and the names of local gentlemen wishing Commissions in these Companies may be submitted to the Commanding Officer for consideration, preference being given to those who have already been trained.

The Kent Territorial Force Association have released their Secretary, Major A. Wood-Martyn (of Mount House, Maidstone), and the War Office have accepted his services to command the Battalion.

After attestation at the Regular Depots, recruits will join the

Headquarters of the Regiment in camp, on the historic site of Penenden Heath, near Maidstone.

The Battalion will be raised on a Regular basis, viz., for three years or for the duration of the War. Enlistments must be carried out at a Regular Recruiting Office. Age for enlistment, 19—38 years. The Headquarters office of the Battalion is, for the present, at The Regular Maidstone.

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In order to make the raising of this Battalion a success, I appeal to the Mayors and their Councils, Chairmen of Urban and District Councils, and Chairmen of Territorial Force Recruiting Sub-Committees, to concentrate at once on obtaining good recruits. It is a big task, but it can be done, providing that we all, in our several ways, do our part.

Towns and villages, according to their resources in men, should endeavour to raise Sections, Platoons, or half Companies, and send the men at once to the nearest Regular Recruiting Depot, for the 10th Service Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment (Kent County).

I have been appealing to the County for more than forty years to assist me in various matters, but I have never made an appeal so solemn as this: that this Regiment may be quickly trained, because our Country is in sore need of every fit and available man between 19 and 38.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

HARRIS, Vice-Lieutenant.

Belmont, Faversham.

KENT BATTALION WELSH DIVISION.

The information we gave in our last issue concerning the above Battalion not being altogether correct, we now publish the following statement which has been kindly sent us by the Officer Commanding. Great doings have happened in the Kent Infantry Brigade T.F. stationed at Rochester, to which the 2—4th and 2—5th Royal West

stationed at Rochester, to which the 2-4th and 2-5th Royal West Kent Regiments belong.

The Home Counties Division were asked to furnish an Infantry Brigade to be attached to the 1st Welsh Division for Foreign Service. The Brigade has been formed by a Battalion from each of the Kent, Middlesex and Surrey Brigades, and the 1st 4th Sussex Batt. The Kent Battalion, drawn from the Kent Infantry Brigade has been made up as follows:—Headquarters and 1 Company, 2-4th R.W. Kent Regiment; 1 Company, 2-5th R.W. Kent Regt.; 1 Company, 2-4th The Buffs; 1 Company, 2-5th The Buffs. Colonel A. T. Simpson. V.D., who commanded the 2-4th R.W. Kent Regiment, is in command, with Captain F. Johnson, of the same Batt. as Adjutant. The Kent Battalion moved to Cambridge to join the 1st Welsh Division on Saturday, April 24th, and remained there till Wednesday, May 12th, on which date it moved by march route to Bedford, its present station.

The Official Designation of the Battalion now is:—

Kent Battalion, 160th Infantry Brigade, 53rd (Welsh) Division.

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The Brigade has been issued with new rifles and is to commence a course of musketry immediately, and hopes to get out in the beginning of June.

The following verses appeared in the "Kent Messenger" last THE WEST KENTS.

"The West Kents fight like brave, God-like fools!"—(A German Officer).

Officer).

"Brave!" Yes, we knew it, for on many a field Your deeds have shown the metal of your hearts; You know the way to die, but not to yield Your courage never ebbs till life departs.

"God-like!" Such homage wrung from godless men Moves us to hope they are not wholly base; Your greatest victory was accomplished when You kindled in their souls this spark of grace.

"Fools!" Ah! how faint the spark of grace must be If thus they judge your noble sacrifice; Had they a larger vision, they might see That, who would God-like be must pay the price.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Major W. E. Rowe has been appointed to command the Depot, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Isacke had the honour of being received by His Majesty on May 10th, when the King decorated him with the Insignia of Companion of the Order of S. Michael and S. George.

Captain H. W. Snow has been appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G., and Captain W. H. Annesley D.A.Q.M.G. to the 15th Division.

W. J. Need, late Lieutenant 2nd Battalion, has been appointed Captain in the 8th Notts and Derby Regiment, Sherwood Foresters. * * *

Captain W. G. Yates has joined the 3rd Battalion for duty. *

Captain R. J. T. Hildyard has been promoted Major; and Lieuts. W. V. Palmer and J. B. B. Ford have been promoted Captains

The 9th Battalion have left Chatham and are now in Goojerat Barracks, Colchester.

We understand that authority has been given to the Mayor of Lewisham to raise another Battalion for the Regiment, the title of which will be the 11th Service Battalion, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Temporary Major H. L. Searle, from 8th Battalion, East Surrey, has been given command, with temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Quartermaster-Sergeant J. A. Cover, 6th Battalion (late 1st Battalion), has been promoted to a commission as Quartermaster, and posted to the 3rd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment at Felixstowe. We trust it will not be long before he is transferred to one of the Battalions of the Queen's Own.

Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Pye, 7th Battalion (late 1st Battalion) has been promoted to a commission as Quartermaster and posted to the 10th Battalion.

Second Lieutenant H. S. Doe had the Konour of being received by His Majesty on May 27th, when the King decorated him with the Military Cross.

The 6th Battalion left Aldershot for foreign parts on May 31st. We wish them God-speed and much glory. *

Captain J. C. Parker has been promoted temporary Major; Lieutenant W. J. Alderman temporary Captain; and Second Lieut. H. C. Harris, temporary Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion.

Major A. Wood-Martyn has been appointed to the command of the 10th Service Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment (Kent County) with the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

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* * * Major C. Bonham Carter has been appointed a General Staff Officer, Second Grade. * * * *

Private G. H. Johnson, 1st Battalion, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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Lieut.-Colonel H. Isacke, C.M.G., and Major R. J. T. Hildyard have joined the Expeditionary Force, with the 14th and 13th Divisions respectively.

Major A. T. Morse, Retired Pay, has been given a special appointment, with the grade of Staff Lieutenant, First Class.

Captain Irvine, Chief Recruiting Officer for the Woolwich district, stated at a meeting of the Bexley Heath Volunteer Reserve on Friday night that he was proud to say he enlisted in the West Kent Regiment. He was young at the time, and was bought out, but he enlisted again. He has been to the Front in the present war, and hopes to go again before long.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of June :--

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

and Lieutenant H. T. Vandell, attached Northampton Regiment. This officer was killed in November, 1914, but owing to his name never having appeared in the casualty list, and his being attached to another Regiment, it has only lately become known.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

and Lieutenant K. Sheriff, attached Border Regiment. He was one of the large contingent of old Rugby boys that joined the 3rd Battalion, and his loss will be universally felt. He did excellent work while with the 3rd Battalion, and gave promise of making a first-rate officer. He joined in November and went abroad at the end of May.

WOUNDED.

Captain A. d'E. Knox. Second Lieutenant O. M. Fry. SUFFERING FROM GAS POISONING.

Second Lieutenant E. C. Hilder.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the casualty list from June 1st to 30th, 1915:

10325 Private J. Frost.

4158 Sergeant H. Maslin (accidentally killed). 1216 Private G. Barnes.

	KILLED IN ACTION.
7168 Pte. T. Barrett.	5031 Pte. G. Burchett.
8476 Pte. J. Bramble.	4813 LceCorpl. R. Chaplin
8620 Pte. J. Coulstock.	4948 Pte. F. Hider.
9905 Pte. H. Kendall.	285 Pte. C. Jeeves.
5159 Pte. J. Laurel.	980 Pte. W. Medhurst.
6582 Pte. J. Nicholson.	1079 Pte. H. Perkins.
10188 Pte. F. Poole.	4773 LceCorpl. F. Miles.
8627 Corpl. H. Seaman	393 Pte. A. Stone.
6308 Pte I Thorne	1243 Pte. J. Smith.

WOUNDED.				
7307	Pte. W. Bransbury.	10606 Pte. V. Kemp.		
	Pte. A. Bunyan.	10313 Pte. C. Millen.		
	Pte. M. Barrett.	8587 Pte. J. Martin.		
	Pte. A. Brown.	7933 Pte. T. Maslin.		
	Pte. S. Bowles.	8441 Pte. G. Marchant, gas poison.		
	Pte. G. Banks.	10199 Pte. F. Passey.		
	Pte. W. Creighton.	8306 Pte, E. Piggott.		
	Pte. G. Creed.	7395 Pte. F. Powell.		
	Pte. N. Coppin.	7197 Pte. G. Puxty.		
	Pte. A. Cross.	8842 Pte. A. Parsons.		
	Pte. G. Francis.	9900 Pte. L. Richards.		
	Pte. E. Fry.	9422 Pte. G. Russell.		
	Pte, A. Gould.	10604 Pte. A. Robson.		
	Pte. H. Hornsby.	5938 Pte. G. Sears.		
	Pte. A. Harling.	0558 Pte. F. Surridge, gas poison.		
	Pte. W. Hanscombe.	17484 LceSergt. W. Turner.		
0549	Lance-Corpl. J. Jones.	10312 Pte. O. Vincent.		
	Pte. J. Jeffrey.	0433 Pte. J. Woolley.		
	Pte. J. Knowler.	19841 Acting-Sergt. F. Williams.		
		6447 Pte. T. Young.		
0042	Pte. W. Kerrins.	Onti - to		

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177	Pte. J. Dale.		4893 Pte, F. Sharp,
667	Pte. T. Edwards.		5654 Pte. J. Hughes.
241	Sergt, J. Young.		5137 Pte. W. Humphries.
	Pte. F. Raynor.		4921 C.S.M. E. Ransome.
771	Pte. R. Nash.		16 Pte. D. Martin.
359	Pte, J. Clark.		4712 Lance-Corpl. G. Hurdle.
888	Pte. W. Cramp.		5117 Pte. J. Grist,

PRESENT LIST.

	OFFICERS.	
Killed		Wounded
0		9

	FORMER LISTS.		
36	28		
JAIIAd	RI OT THE		
38	31		
Total all ca	sualties amongst Officers	 	69
	PRESENT LIST.		

N.C.O.'s and MEN.

		11.0.0. 3	WILL TITTILL	
Died.	Killed.	Wounded. 54	Wounded and Missing.	Missing
		FORME	R LISTS.	
9	342	979 —	27	160
12	360 Total	1033	amongst N.C.O.'s and Me	160 n 1592
		total all ranks		. 1661

N.B.--"Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds." and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the ninth list of donations received by Officer Commanding Depot to June 30th, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's

		£	S.	d.	
Prev	iously Acknowledged	1196	19	1	
June	1-Maidstone Working Men's Club	1	6	8	
,,	2-Capt. Roy Brock (monthly) 6th donation	5	0	0	
"	2-Mrs. Maunsell (2nd donation)	5	0	0	
"	7-Major-Gen. Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B.				
,,	(3rd donation)	10	0	0	
	7—Lady Leach (3rd donation)	10	0	0	
.,, do	8-Colonel Maunsell (2nd donation)	5	0	0	
,,	8-Mrs. Furse		0	0	
,,	11-QrMrSergeant Baker, 2nd V.B	1	0	0	
",	22-Sergeants' Mess Depot (3rd donation)	9	0	0	
"	23-Mrs. E. Wood-Martyn	2	2	0	
"		THE CO.	50.4	1200	

Total to June 30th, 1915£1242 7 9

	BALANCE	SHEET.		
Donations received to date June 30th	£ s d. 1242 7 9	Previously expended Harrison (ointment) Mrs. Robinson, periscopes Harrod's - 500 socks, 250 shirts Dickeson & Co.—Shoes, boot laces, tooth brushes, &c., 2nd	£ s.d. 593 3 10 6 6 0 3 3 10 64 11 8	
		Battalion	82 17 4	

Mrs. Robinson, periscopes.......
John Bell, 360 Respirators......
Bryant & May, matches, 1st and
2nd Battalion...........
Maidstone Prisoners of War 2 12 6 Fund .. Mr. Spoor for Prisoners of War Balance in hand

£1242 7 9 £1242 7 9

GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received during June from the following:-

The Central Depot, Maidstone, through Miss Hills.

Miss Walker, Roan School for Girls.

The Joint Political Committee, Borough of Maidstone, through Kenneth MoAlpine, Esq.

Mrs. Barrow.

Miss Russell.

Mrs. Busk, National Service Committee, Westerham.

Miss Johnstone.

The Misses Hudson.

Miss Norrington.

Mr. Frederick Thomas, through Mrs. Waring.

Mrs. Burbury.

Mrs. Arthur Borrer.

The Staff, 12, Grimston Avenue, Folkestone.

Miss Birch Reynardson.

The Regiment is greatly indebted to the Maidstone and District Central Fund for its great kindness and generosity. This Society is presided over by the Mayoress of Maidstone, with the Hon. Mrs. Hardcastle as Chairman; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. G. Foster Clark; Hon. Business Manager, Miss Lucy Hills, and Hon. Sec., Miss Nellie Potter.

They have sent our fighting men since the war began 2492 garments, and the supply is still steadily kept up, and, in addition, this Society is sending out weekly, a box of food and comforts to 33 of our Prisoners of War. If all the towns in England were as well organised as Maidstone, the Fighting Troops and our War Prisoners would be well off,

COMFORTS SENT TO 1st BATTALION

DURING JUNE.

June 4th-14 Parcels containing 455 pairs socks, 30 shirts, 30 towels, chocolates, cfgarettes.

June 5th-4 cases, each containing 1 gross of small tins of milk; 1 case containing 50 lbs. of superfine shag tobacco; 4 pareels containing 252 carriage candles.

June 25th—1 small parcel containing odds and ends of chocolates, cigarettes, etc. All these things have been received.

COMFORTS SENT TO 2nd BATTALION

DURING .JUNE.

June 4th—7 gross 36 in. boot laces, 4 gross shaving sticks, 3 gross tablets toilet soap, 2 gross tooth brushes, 3 gross handkerchiefs, 2 gross small tins tooth powder, 20,000 cigarettes.

Nothing has yet been acknowledged from the 2nd Battalion, it is not proposed to send any more till we know the goods are reaching their destination.

Our Wounded Comrades.

Further list of those residing in or about Maidstone who have kindly

entertained our wounded soldiers :-

Mrs. A. J. Ruck

The Ladies of the Maidstone Croquet Club

The Members of the Maidstone Bowls

Club Messrs. Isherwood, Foster & Stacey

(lent motor lorry) V. B. Tritton, Esq.

S, Grant, Esq. J. A. Graham Wigan, Esq.

Mrs. Warde of Barham Court

Miss W. M. Kidd, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls Mrs. Blackburn-Maze

Mrs. E. Cuckney

Mr. Payne (motor launch) Mrs. Allenby

Mr. Sherwood (motor launch) Mr. Avery (motor launch)

Miss Brooke Wright

KENTISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

Lieut.-Colonel Dalison asks us to publish the following letter from Mr. Spoor :-

Rede Court, Near Rochester,

28th June, 1915.

DEAR COLONEL DALISON. Corporal Peill, at Doeberitz, with 41 West Kents, writes me that they have received their parcels of food and sundries; and Sergt. Reeves and his lot of West Kents have also received their tobacco, provisions, etc., at Göttingen. Kentish men of other regiments at Doeberitz have also received what I have sent them. I am now hearing from the families of men who have sent their own special parcels that they also have reached their destinations. I have also heard from other camps. It is quite clear that what we send is arriving promptly and properly, as I anticipated.

By the bye, your notice in the last "Q.O.G." as to Prisoners of War might, perhaps, be somewhat amplified. The organisation I am working is that of Lord Harris, the Vice-Lieutenant of the County, and is a County movement, taking in the East Kents, West Kents, and all men whose homes are in Kent serving in other regiments. All Prisoners of War matters concerning the Buffs are referred to me by Major Tylden Pattenson, the Addutant in very much the same way as we was the saming in the same way as we have the same way as the Adjutant, in very much the same way as you are keeping in touch with me from the West Kents Depot. The Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men have appointed a small committee, on which I am serving, to raise funds amongst their members, and the funds so raised are spent under my direction. The various Boroughs of the County have appointed small committees, with the Mayors at their heads, and these bodies act as subcommittees of the County Organisation under my supervision. They deal with prisoners whose homes are in the various boroughs. I have two or three committees for other areas outside of the boroughs. Outside of these I have a general fund to take care of men from the small villages, hamlets. and whose homes are outside of the county, so you will see we have a good organisation for dealing with the whole of our people. Many other men who are in specially poor circumstances are taken care of by various lady friends of the regiments,

The other side of the Organisation is that which deals with the missing men, and I have found a good many who are gazetted as dead, quite half-adozen of whom are West Kents, and am finding day by day others who have been lost as far back as last October, and other men are cropping up of whom there is no record, either in the War Office or anywhere else.

These details may be of interest in your "Gazette."

Yours truly, J. L. SPOOR.

Sergt. Fermor, prisoner of war, writes from Wahn to say he has received the tobacco and 33 pipes sent by Mr. Spoor, and that there are 41 men of the regiment with him. He adds: "While you appreciate the little we did, I can assure you that N.C.O.'s and men will always remember with gratitude and pride the part played by civilians at home during the War. All the men here are in the best of health and as cheerful as possible under the circumstances.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

To the Editor of the Queen's Own Gazette.

An aunt of mine is on the Red Cross Committee at Berne which is in close touch with the prisoners' camps in Germany. She asks me to let her know if there are any special enquiries I want made about any of our officers or men. If, therefore, any relatives of prisoners, who are desirous of obtaining information will communicate with me, I shall be very pleased to forward their enquiries.

I am, sir, Yours faithfully, G. E. de St. C. STEVENSON, Captain Royal West Kent Regiment.

Staff College,

Camberley, Surrey, June 30th, 1915.

To the Editor of The Queen's Own Gazette. Sir,—As I served with the 1st Battalion from November 2nd to December 10th, 1914, I take great interest in the gallant Royal West Kents.

In your March number you mention that Second Lieutenant M. N. Thompson never joined the Battalion.

May I correct this? He joined on November 11th, and was wounded near Klein Zillibeek on 16th or 17th. I know this to be a fact, as I attended to him myself. It appeared a slight wound, but I understand he never recovered from it. I regret that most of those who were my comrades during that eventful month are either killed or wounded, with the exception of Major Robinson and Capt. Buchanan Dunlop. It was indeed an honour to serve with so fine a Battalion.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR S. CURTIS,

Captain 3rd Suffolk Regiment.

Felixstowe, June 20th, 1915.

The following is from the "Daily Express" of June 10. Rifleman J. Bresnahan, 5th King's Royal Rifles, in a letter to the "Daily Express" intended for the encouragement of the backward, states that seven of his brothers and his father, notwithstanding the latter's age, are serving the King. The father and six sons are in the Royal West Kents, one brother is with the K.R.R., and another brother, who was in the Bedfords has been killed. Four others were wounded, and one is a prisoner.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G.*
Captain E. F. Moulton Barrett.
Lieutenant C. M. Payton, 3rd Battalion attached (killed).
Second Lieutenant E. B. Walker (killed).
Second Lieutenant C. H. Wild. 2rd Batt., attached.
No. 191 Lance-Corporal F. Brockics.
No. 6369 Lance-Corporal J. Knight.
No. 967 Lance-Corporal A. Steane.
No. 8702 Private C. Barr.
No. 8557 Private A. J. Chandler.

The following officers of the Regiment, past or present, are also mentioned:

Lieutenant-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B. Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) P. Umfreville. Major R. J. T. Hildyard*.

*This is the second time these officers have been mentioned.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned awards for services rendered in connection with operations in the field:-

To be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel—Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G. C.M.G.—Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) P. Umfreville. D.S.O.—Major R. J. Hildyard. Military Cross—Captain E. F. Moulton Barrett.

Distinguished Conduct Medal-

No. 7847 Acting Sergeant E. Dennington. No. 7501 Acting Sergeant W. Markham. No. 7261 Acting Sergeant D. Wright. No. 241 Lance-Sergeant J. Young. No. 8438 Private E. Bunsell.

PRAISE OF TERRITORIALS.

The Brigadier-General has sent the following message to Lieut-Colonel Hubback commanding the 20th Battalion London Regiment (Territorials), whose headquarters are at Biackheath:—"Very many thanks from myself and all ranks of 142nd Brigade to yourself and the 20th Battalion for your really stout and able co-operation during the recent operations. We shall always remember it with gratitude."

It will be remembered that the 20th Battalion London Regiment was formerly the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, and that Captain E. H. Norman is the Adjutant.

CAPTAIN L. H. HICKSON.

The Press Bureau has issued the following summary of the operations in East Africa, which have taken place during the months of March, April and May:—

About the end of February information was received that a German detachment of about 300 Askaris, including a considerable proportion of Europeans, under Captain Hexthausen, was marching proportion of Europeans, under Captain Hexthausen, was marching northwards to invade British territory in the Karunga district east of Lake Victoria Nyanza. A small force consisting of the King's African Rifles, with some artillery and mounted scouts, under Lieutenant-Colonel Hickson, was despatched to meet them. On March 4 our troops got into touch with a party of the enemy, who retired, and our advance was continued towards the Mara River, where the enemy was concentrating. On the 9th the whole River, where the enemy was concentrating. On the 9th the whole of Hexthausen's force was encountered marching northwards, and a stiff fight ensued. The Germans resisted bravely, but about 4 p.m., after several hours' fighting, often at close quarters, they gave way and withdrew, aided by the thick bush and the darkness. A reconnaisance which was conducted on the following day revealed the fact that the enemy had retired south of the Mara river. According to native reports they were much scattered, disorganised, and demoralised. The enemy's offensive having been entirely broken our force was withdrawn. The following casualties occurred in the course of the operations:—

KILLED.

British officers, 3 (Lieutenants Thompson, Reid and Sale). British non-commissioned officer, 1 (Sergeant Reid). King's African Rifles, 8.

WOUNDED. King's African Rifles, 14.

One German was taken prisoner and two were killed. Their losses in native troops are believed to have been heavy.

Lieut-Colonel Hickson is a Captain in the 1st Battalion, and is serving with the King's African Rifles with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following Officers on the Reserve are now employed as under: Col. R. C. Style, on leave, awaiting appointment to a Brigade command. Major J, P. Dalison, 2nd in Command, Depot, Hon. Lieut, -Colonel, Major A. W. Martyn, Commanding 10th Batt., Temporary Lieut, Colonel, Major E V. O. Hewett, Commanding 6th Batt. South Wales Borderers, Temporary Lieut.-Colonel.

Major E. F. Venables, Commanding 6th Batt., Temporary Lt.-Col, B.E.F.

Major T. P. C. Smith, Army Ordanance Department, B.E.F.

Captain H. C. W. Beeching, 2nd in Command, 6th Batt., Temporary Major, B.E.F.

Captain C. V. Malony, 2nd in Command, 10th Batt., Hon, Major.

Captain C. Druce, Garrison Adjutant, Tidworth.

Captain G. Elgood, Adjutant No. 2 Infantry Base Depot, B.E.F.

Captain H. W. Snow, D.A.A. and Q.M.G. 15th Division. Captain P. A. Wilson, with 1st Batt. B.E.F.

Captain W. H. Annesley, D.A.Q.M.G., 15th Division. Captain A. H. Pullman, with 8th Batt, Temporary Major. Lieut. W. Wilberforce, with Royal Marines, Temporary Major.

RETIRED OFFICERS NOW EMPLOYED.

Brig.-Gen. E. A. Grove, C.B., Inspector No. 2 Line of Communication. Colonel C. E. Harrison, Commanding No. 3 General Base Depot, B. E. F. Colonel G. W. Mauusell, Commanding Ostrohove Rest Camp, B.E.F. Lieut.-Col.C. R. Crosse, M.V.O., Staff Officer, N.R.A. School of Musketry, Bisley.

Major A. T. Morse, Special Employ, Staff Lieutenant, 1st class.

Major O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Battalion. Temporary Lieut.-Col.

Major L. B. Hollinshead, 2nd in Command, 8th Battalion.

Major W. E. Rowe, Commanding Depot. Temporary Lieut.-Col. Major F. W. Burbury, Administrative Commandant, G.H.Q., B.E.F., Major 3rd Battalion.

Major T. T. Burt, 2nd in Command 9th Battalion. Hon. Lieut.-Col.

Major R. J. Roche, Quarter-Master, Depot Royal Fusiliers.

Major E. W. Brown, Quarter-Master, Depot Border Regiment. Major J. Couch, Quarter-Master, Depot.

Captain J. H. Kennedy, Recruiting Officer, Norfolk.

Captain F. B. Faushawe, 9th Batt. Royal Berks Regt. Temporary Major.

Captain J. Lees, Adjutant Osborne Rest Camp, B.E.F.

Lieut. R. H. Eccles, Adjutant, Depot. Lieut, D. P. Forestier Walker, Depot.

Lieut. W. J. Need, 8th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters. Temporary Captain.

Lieut. E. J. Hudson, 6th Battalion, Temporary Captain, B.E.F. Lieut. H. J. Dresser, 7th Battalion East Surrey Regt. Temporary Captain.

Lieut. W. M. Ogle, Captain Erd Battalion.

Eieut. J. F. S. Tulloh, 9th Battalion. Temporary Captain. Lieut. R. B. Hope, Captain 3rd Battalion East Surrey Regiment.

Lieut. P. S. Hall, 14th Battalion West Yorkshire Regt. Temporary Captain.

Lieut. R. A. Paget, 24th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (2nd Sportsman's).

Temporary Captain.

Lieut. J. C. Cooke, 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, Army Cyclist Corps. Temporary Captain.

Lieut. W. F. Helmore, Captain 4th Battalion, attached 1st Battalion S.

Staffordshire Regiment, B.E.F.

2nd Lieut. C. de C. Middleton, Adjutant 8th Battalion. Temporary Captain. 2nd Lieut. R. T. Hoare, Lieut. 12th Battalion County of London Regt. B. E F

We are indebted to the "Bexley Heath Observer" for the following :-IMPLEMENTS OF SATAN.

Mr. W. Ward, 30, West Street, Bexley Heath, has received an excellent letter from Private William Riley, of the 1st West Kents. He says: The old Battalion has gone through it out here. This last fortnight has been wicked. We have had many casualties, as you will see by the paper. We made a bayonet charge the other night and it came off successfully, but that night was hell on earth. After taking their position we were bombarded all night by all sorts of guns, bombs, hand grenades, and every device human mind could conceive for the purpose of taking human life. Next morning they counter attacked, coming up en masse. Five times they came, five times they got repulsed. Our own men were over the trenches and at them with the bayonet. They wavered and fled, leaving their dead lying in heaps. We lost several, but not nearly as many as them, in fact you could put it down ten to one. I have had nearly five months of this, but it caps all that is going on now. We made an attack in support of the French, and got them going when they turned those poisonous gases on us. My eyes watered and the stench was awful. I had a severe headache all night. They are diabolical, and it is a wonder neutral powers do not protest. If people who talk about war could only see the nature of these implements of Satan, they would only whisper. But never mind, we will beat them on fair and square grounds if it does take time. The boys of the Battalion take things quite light hearted.

	Roll	of Officers of 1st	and 2nd Battalions	, showing how they are employed.
Batt.	Rank. LtCol.	Name. S. H. Pedley	Station. I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	Commanding 2nd Battalion
2	Major	A. Martyn R. J. Woulfe Flanagan -	Codford St. Mary, Salisbury - I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	Brevet Colonel, Commanding 55th Brigade, 18th Division. Temporary [Brig. General
	Major "	J. W. O'Dowda	Rawal Pindi	General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Rawal Pindi Division Commanding 1st Battalion, Brevet LieutColonel
1	"	H. Isacke, C.M.G	energy that is it is a second	General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, 14th Division, Brevet LieutColonel
2	,,	C. E. Kitson T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.	I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf - B.E.F., France	Brigade Major, South Midland Infantry Brigade
	,,	C. Bonham-Carter R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O	M.E.F., Dardanelles	General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Northumbrian Division General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, 13th Division
1	Captain	G. D. Lister - R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O	Burg, Magdeburg, Germany - Ripon -	Prisoner of War General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, 4th Army Training Centre
1	"	T. H Hickson	British East Africa	Commanding 4th Uganda Battalion, King's African Rifles. Temporary Adjutant 1st Battalion [LieutColonel
1	"	H. B. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O C. H Stigand	B.E.F., France Lado Enclave, Sudan	Bimbashi, Egyptian Army, 2nd Inspector Mongalla Province Second in Command 7th Battalion. Temporary Major
	,,	J. T. Wykeham-Fiennes - A. K. Grant	Codford St. Mary, Salisbury - Grantham -	Brigade Major 191st Brigade
9	"	E. H. Norman J. W. Nelson	B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	Adjutant 20th County of London Regiment
$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$	",	J. C. Parker H. D. Belgrave	B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	With 6th Battalion. Temporary Major
1	"	R. Lynch-White	B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf -	Major occupied in the Major occupied and the Salar occupied and the Major occupied and the
2	"	C. R. Ingram A. D'E. Knox	B.E.F., France	Wounded, sick leave
2	,,	M. J. Dinwiddy B. Johnstone	I.E.F. (D)., Persian Gulf B.E.F., +rance	Adjutant 7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment
9	"	A. S. Hewitt C. W. Case-Morris	Nasirabad	Assistant Provost Marshal, 1st Division Commanding Depot 2nd Battalion
2 2	21	O. Y. Hibbert	I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	Adjutant 3rd Battalion
-	"	H. A. Waring R. G. C. Brock	Fort Darland, Chatham M.E.F., Dardanelles	Bimbashi Egyptian Army 2nd Inspector Rabr-el-Chagal Province on
	;;	C. F. Adams	B.E.F., France	Temporary Duty with M.E.F. Staff Captain 88th Brigade.
2	. "	A. K. Searight G. E. de St. C. Stevenson -	I.E.F (D), Persian Gulf Staff College Camberley	Officer of Company of Gentlemen—Cadets
2	"	M. W. Graham W. G. Yates	I.E F. (D), Persian Gulf Fort Darland, Chatham -	With 3rd Battalion, Lieut. 3rd Batt. Nigeria Regt., W.A.F.F.
2	"	N. I. Whitty R. B. L. Bazley-White		With 3rd Battalion
2	"	A E Hardy	Seloum, Egypt	Bimbashi, Egyptian Army Adjutant 2nd Battalion
1	"	G. E. Wingfield-Stratford D. J. Johnson	B.E.F., France	Adjutant 6th Battalion Machine Gun Instruction, Canadian Contingent
1 2	"	E. F. Moulton-Barrett A. S. Bredon	Fort Darland, Chatham I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	With 3rd Battalion
1	"	W. V. Palmer	B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	Wounded, sick leave
2 2	"	J. K. Kay W. F. MacNeece		Consider Contract to the Line II
1	"	W Newton	Royal Flying Corps B.E.F., France	Seconded for Service under the Admiralty
2 2	Lieut.	P. F. Wilberforce-Bell P. N. Anstruther	Codford St. Mary, Salisbury -	With 7th Battalion Adjutant, 7th Battalion. Temporary Captain
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1	"	H. B. Haydon-White, D.S.O. A. G. Balbernie	Sevenoaks	With N. Lancashire Infantry Brigade, for Instructional Duties
2	"	A. A. E. Chitty	I.EF. (D), Persian Gulf - Hofgeismar, nr. Cassell, Germany	Prisoner of War
1	"	W. R. A. Dawson J. R. Russell, D.S.O.	B.E.F., France	With 6th Battalion. Temporary Captain Sick leave With 3rd Battalion. Sick leave
1	,,,	S. C. Tinne A. T. Williams	Fort Darland, Chatham B.E.F., France	With 3rd Battaïion. Sick leave Sick leave. Wounded
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1	"	C. A. M. Holloway - E. A. Sharpin -	All the "LT of somethers and	Wounded, sick leave
1	"	F. Trask F. L. Bassett	Codford St. Mary, Salisbury B.E.F., France	With 7th Battalion Sick leave. Temporary 2nd Lieutenant.
1	,,	F. G. Littleboy A. C. Elton	I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf	With 3rd Battalion. Sick leave Sick leave. Wounded With 3rd Battalion. Temporary Captain With 6th Battalion. Temporary Captain With 7th Battalion Sick leave. Wounded Wounded, sick leave Wounded, sick leave With 7th Battalion Sick leave. Temporary 2nd Lieutenant Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
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: : : WAR MEMORIES : : :

From the Diary of PAUL OSCAR HEILMANN, 106th Regiment, of Muhlen Leipsig, Taken prisoner by the British, April 16th, 1915.

August 2nd, 1914.—Day of mobilisation. Arrived at We had music as far as Leipsig Station. Rochlitz. Arrived at the barracks of 106th Regiment at five in the afternoon and were given uniforms the same day.

August 4th and 5th.-Were given different instructions

and divided up.

August 5th.-Left Leipsig at midnight and after thirty-

nine hours arrived at Geroldstein.

August 7th.—Another five hours' march to Prum. Here we were in good quarters with the school inspector. Arrived in incessant rain.

August 8th.-Five hours' march to Arzfeld.

August 9th.-Seven hours' march to Marburg in Luxem-Just at the dinner hour we crossed the frontier. Here we had a very trying march up very steep rough hills in great heat.

August 10th.—Three and half hours' march to Stockem

in Luxemburg.

August 11th.-Two and half hours' march to Tavigny in Belgium, where we crossed the frontier at 9 a.m. From here an hour's run by train to Bastogne. Soon after crossing the frontier one notices one is in the enemy's country. Trees cut down and blocking the roads, the railway into the interior partly destroyed and the carriages drawn across the line, which compelled our train to go very slowly. Also the bridges were destroyed. Our troops destroyed a bridge in Bastogne for safety, as mines had been laid under it. Nearly all the houses in the neighbourhood had been demolished. The hotel in the station, where the General of a Prussian cavalry division and his staff were staying, was burned down in the night, and they had great difficulty in saving themselves. The hatred of the inhabitants is such that we could only go out fully armed. Some of our soldiers were murdered and in consequence one of the inhabitants was hanged in the market place.

August 12th.-Standing guard in Bastogne.

August 13th.-Drilling in Bastogne.

August 14th.—Daily drill in Bastogne and doing sentry. August 15th.--The Prussian railway men and the inhabitants had to work day and night to clear the line for traffic.

August 16th.—Sunday.—Although our troops have been here a week, there is a secret telephone wire to the enemy. Also they turned out some monks who walked about with Red Cross arm bands and telephoned to the French. The operator was taken and the monk arrested.

August 17th.—Two hours' march to Bertogne.

August 18th.—Two and half hours' march to Flumont. Here two Belgians were shot for firing on our troops.

August 19th.—Ten hours' march to Rochefort.

August 20th.-Six hours' march to Worl.

August 21st.—Entrenched ourselves at six in the evening after three hours' march to Celles. Billeted here. fighting a few kilometres from here and the 8th and 12th Companies had about thirty killed and wounded.

August 22nd.-Met for the first time to-day in camp Opitz Otto and Willi Backhofen. At 9 p.m. we marched to within two kilometres of the Maas and spent the night

in the open.

August 23rd.—Fighting at Dinant, in which we received our baptism of fire. It was 2.30 in the afternoon when we joined in the fighting, after the artillery had been hard at it from early morning. They kept it up till six o'clock, and then we marched on to get across the Maas, which we did in the dark over pontoon bridges. Same quarters as previous day.

August 24th.—After a long march to Hermelton, where our leading troops were fired on by the inhabitants, we felt justified in seizing the clergyman and several of the inhabitants and shooting them, and the whole place was burned down. After a further two hours' march we were suddenly engaged by the enemy in a wood. numbers were greater than ours, we were only two battalions strong, we had to retreat to Hartiere.

August 25th.—Did escort to the heavy baggage waggons. One realises the horrors of war as one passes through the battlefields.

August 26th.—Again escort to the baggage waggons, and on both days had small engagement with franctireurs. Spent the night in the open by the waggons.

August 27th.—Last day of escorting transport. Crossed the French frontier at 6 a.m. Were billeted in a deserted house.

August 28th.—After a fairly long march, and just as we were having our mid-day meal in a small village, we were suddenly attacked by artillery fire, and immediately had to go and join the advance troops. The fight was taking place at Thin le Moitier. It lasted from six in the evening till next morning, and we were encamped in a The enemy retired from this fight with great wood. losses.

August 29th.—Great pursuit of the enemy after their defeat, trying to keep as near them as possible. Bivou-

acked at night.

August 30th.—Started again at 2 a.m. After several hours' march we arrived at Tourteron, where there was a battle with very heavy fighting, and the enemy fell back with very heavy losses. It was such a Sunday as I have never lived through. We lay for six hours under fire, and lost five killed and several wounded. After the fight we were sent out on patrol duty, and we could see how heavily the enemy had lost and they abandoned everything in their flight.

August 31st.—Should have been a day of rest in a village we took the day before, but the enemy artillery shelled the place and we had to leave our bivouack and camp in the

Sept. 1st.—Remained in camp till 2 p.m., and then marched to Vause, where we arrived in the dark and slept

Sept. 2nd.—Had open-air service at 1 a.m. and marched off at 8.30 to St. Souplet, arriving at midnight, and again slept in a barn.

Sept. 3rd.—A very heavy march in great heat to the drill ground at Mourmelon, where we had two alarms of fighting in the night, but as the enemy retired, we advanced and broke into the French barracks.

Sept. 4th.—Six hours' march to Chalons, where we bivouacked. Arrival here of our 40th division with music.

Sept. 5th.-Rest day.

Sept. 6th.—Marched from 8.30 a.m. to midnight to the artillery range at Vitry.

Sept. 7th.—Advance march to the ranges under heavy artillery fire and had to entrench ourselves twice.

Sept. 8th and 9th.—Battle Vitry, in which we lost heavily from sixteen English bayonet charges. I was hit by two splinters of shell, but was not hurt. As we could do nothing against their artillery, we retired in the hope of drawing them away from their place, especially as they were being attacked from another side.

Sept. 10th and 11th.—For this purpose we sent up mortars, which had the desired effect. It was, however, a very hasty march, because at 1.30 we had to start off again and arrived at Chalons at 4 n.m. Here were five waggons full of sheet iron, "eisentrager," and tin, and different other things, which we were supposed to bury, but they were requisitioned instead. I was escort to one of the waggons and was left some distance behind my company. There we heard that our company had marched forward, but were not entrenched, and we had orders to leave the stuff behind and follow. It so happened that we missed the company and passed the night in a straw stack. On that day I met my friend William Lindner, who had also missed his company.

Sept. 12th.—We began to march again in the early morning and friend William suggested going back to Chalons to get provisons, and would have done so had not some comrades warned him that the French advance guard was expected in half an hour. On this account we decided to go in the opposite direction. We started on our way and were not a little surprised to meet Kurt, Fritz and Karl of the 6th Company. In the afternoon we came on the 8th Army Corps, and as we were incapable of marching any further, we drove with the 83rd Artillery till we came to a large village, where we had to take a different road to get to our Army Corps, but as we could not reach our regiment on the same day, we made ourselves a strengthening soup in a house and sheltered ourselves from heavy rain at night in a straw stack.

Sept. 13th.—At 4.30 in the morning, soaked to the skin, we started back to go to the village of the day before to dry our clothes. In the meantime, it goes without saying, we made ourselves some good coffee; then we marched the whole way and arrived in the afternoon at our heavy baggage, on which we got back to our company. Here we met Opitz, who gave us a loaf of bread, as we told him we were starving. In the evening we were woken by the ammunition waggons in the neighbourhood of St. Souplet.

Sept. 13th.—We got to our company with the field kitchen in the afternoon about half an hour behind St. Souplet. Here we made ourselves two earth huts for shelter, as we were in reach of artillery fire. Here we lay till the 20th, when we were called on to relieve the 12th Jager Regiment in the firing line at Huberive, and we were entrenched the whole night.

Sept. 21st.—In the evening back again to our old bivouack place till 24th.

Sept. 25th.—At 5 a.m. we had to relieve the 3rd Batt. of the 106th in the firing line until

Sept. 26th.—At 4 a.m., then at 7 o'clock to re-inforce the 12th Jager at Huberive. Till the afternoon we remained in the shelter of a village. At 4 o'clock we attacked the enemy's position on the Suippe, where we entrenched ourselves.

Sept. 27th.—Back again to the edge of a village at 2 a.m., and again entrenched ourselves against artillery fire. Very heavy losses on both days. 10 p.m., back to our old bivouack.

Sept. 28th.—Open-air service with regimental music, very moving.

Sept. 29th.—Spent the day in camp.

Sept. 30th.—In the evening the band played, opening with "Great God, we praise Thee." It lifted us up beyond all belief. In the evening we re-inforced the J2th Jager Regiment.

October 1st.—Back in camp before dawn.

October 2nd.—In same position.

October 3rd to 8th.—Marched to the trenches of the 107th and were under constant fire from the artillery.

October 9th and 10th.—Was on patrol duty, about 11 a very heavy battle began on both wings. It is really like being at theatre to witness such a night battle, and to see the shells breaking up in the night sky. The French tried to break through us, but didn't succeed.

October 10th and 11th .- Very quiet days.

October 12th.—A very heavy battle began on the left wing, and we were overpowered by a murderous artillery fire. One of the shells from the enemy's heavy artillery hit a reserve billet near our company, killing four men and slightly wounding two, the former were blown out of all recognition. Also five minutes from our position a shell dropped, but He who is mightier than mankind protected us from the disaster. In the evening we made barbed wire entanglements in front of our lines.

October 18th.—Did patrol duty against enemy. 11 p.m. attack by French refused.

October 14th.—As usual, some fighting at the outposts. October 15th.—Nothing special happened. Hillaires lies about half an hour to the north from where the troops were on the drill ground. There are two villages of Hillaire—big and small.

October 16th.—Very quiet during the day. During the night our transport and reserves were fired at in St. Soup-

let by the enemy's artillery and outposts.

October 17th.—Again a quiet day and the same attack

by night.

October 18th.—Seven o'clock we started a practice march to St. Souplet, St. Marie a Py, and back to St. Souplet. Here we were able once more to have a wash after three weeks, and at 11.30 were back on guard. Did night patrol and, all things considered, it was a very quiet Sunday.

October 19th.—6 p.m. we left our guard at St. Souplet and marched for three hours to ———, where we were quartered in a barn.

October 20th.—Six o'clock we started on a two hours' march to Le Chemlin, where we entrained at mid-day.

October 21st and 22nd.—Went by train from Le Chemin, by Rethel, Mezieres, Laon, St. Quentin, Bousigny, Cham-

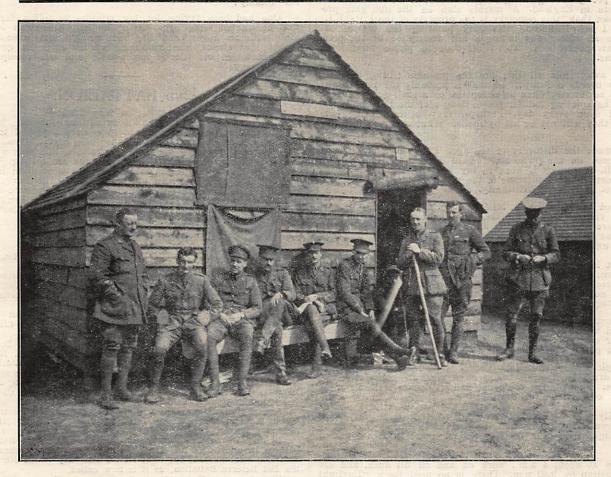
brai, arrived at Lille at midnight.

October 23rd.—Marched from Lille to Perenchy, arrived after four hours' march. One hour's rest at night in the yard of a factory, and then marched on to the fighting line at Armentieres, whert we went into the trenches and at night were overpowered by the accurate shooting of the English.

October 24th.—Wounded at 4 p.m. and taken at night to the clearing station for the wounded at Perenchics.

(To be continued).

:: News from the Battalions. ::



Some Officers of 1st Battalion,

FLANDERS, MARCH, 1915.

Left to Right:—Capt. R. Lynch White, Lieut. H. A. Poland (wounded), 2nd Lieut. J. Craston (killed), 2nd Lieut. C. H. Wild (wounded), 2nd Lieut. S. T. L. Maunder (wounded), 2nd Lieut. E. C. Hilder (gassed), Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood (wounded), Lieut. P. W. Bradley (killed), 2nd Lieut. H. S. Doe (wounded), Capt. C. T. Tuff (killed).

1st BATTALION.

We have received this letter from the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion:

June 30th, 1915.

SIR,—It is now some time since I wrote to thank, through the medium of your columns, the kind subscribers to the fund raised by our Colonel, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., which supplies us so liberally with comforts. The supply has been so regular since my last letter, and the articles received so highly appreciated, that I wish once again to express the gratitude of all ranks of this Battalion. Owing to the generous liberality of the British public we receive many presents from the most varied sources, but I can confidently say that the things which reach us through the "Comforts' Fund" are valued more highly and appeal to us more thoroughly than those received from any other source. We know that they come from those who know us, either personally or who know the Regiment; and it cheers

us to realise that those whose opinion we value are thinking of us and appreciate our work. Another point, and a very important one, is that those who administer the fund have exceptional opportunities of knowing exactly what we require, and by this knowledge are able to promote the actual efficiency of the Battalion. Many a pair of socks received from Maidstone at the right moment has saved a pair of sore feet, and many a shirt has replaced a wet garment which would have brought illness to the wearer. I hope these few words will convince the subscribers to the "Comforts' Fund" that their contributions are doing good work for the nation, as well as for the personal comfort of our men.

Yours truly,

P. M. ROBINSON, Brevet Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding ist Battalion, The Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regt. Our present surroundings are so very different from those of a few weeks ago. Then, the scene that met one's eye at any turn was destruction and death. Now, I cycle quietly along a country lane, meeting an acquaintance here and there, dodging shell holes. On my way I pass a cemetery which belongs specially to the P.P.C.L.I.

It is a pretty through tragic sight. There is no neater cemetery anywhere in England. A marble slab on the iron gate proclaims the fact that "this cemetery is the property of the P.P.C.L.I. Once when I passed someone was busy painting the crosses. At another time an officer was taking a full description of the occupants into his pocket-book. This is all done to please their loved ones at home ones at home.

Not far away from all this are the peasants tilling the soil. "Familiarity breeds contempt," so that is probably the reason why they exhibit no interest when an aeroplane or a shell goes whizzing overhead. The amazing indifference to danger of the Belgian people is remarked upon every day. Perhaps, they believe, being noncombatants, they will not be hit by shells. What a rude awakening

I have made the discovery of the age. I've met a curate who plays Ragtimes on the piano and smokes Woodbines. No names, no pack drill, as Tommy is wont to say, but this Reverend Gentleman is a sport in the true sense of the word: If all were like him we should get more true Christianity.

We cycled together for a mile or two. The country is just lovely. The villages here, with the exception of the churches and windmills, are exactly the same as those at home. In fact, if a stranger came there and was told that the firing line was less than three miles away, he would hardly believe it.

We don't look on this as a foreign country. The natives are of our own race; their habits, dress and language are very similar, too. Of course, they are ever so much more thrifty than we are, but this is no surprise. One thing that strikes the visitor to a farm or cottage here is the most peculiar yet serviceable stove.

They stand nearly in the centre of the room and a flat chimney on which all utensils are stood, runs horizontally to the wall and joins another chimney there. All the floors are bricked or tiled. They do not paper the walls—seldom are these decorated.

The people never drink tea. Coffee is their national soother, which they drink from small basins. Tea cups are conspicuous by their absence. But Tommy could not find a warmer welcome if he went to his own village or town.

Practically every tenant of a farm, whether large or small, makes his own butter. This finds a ready sale among the officers and men. Eighty per cent. of the workers in the fields are women and girls.

They rise at about 4 a.m., work on and off till dusk, and are usually all asleep by 9.30 p.m. There is no need for a "Daylight Saving Bill" out here, and the thought of a "strike" never enters their heads. In fact, I don't believe they know what a strike means. They work, eat and sleep, day im and day out. Bank Holidays and Saturday afternoons are all occupied by doing a little extra to the fields. People at home may imagine Belgium to be one huge slab of mud. It was during the winter, but they should see it now. If I compare it with the stretch of flat country south of the Downs between Dorking and Guildford, which is among the prettiest in England, it would not suffer by comparison.

One thing that leaves a good impression on the visitor is this: The military have been working, living and manœuvring in the midst of all this cultivated ground for six months past, yet the notices in English which meet one at every turn, "Kindly keep off field. Growing Crop," are hardly needed. Tommy at home may have been careless when confronted by a field of crop which he would have to circumvent by a long walk, but here he is most particular and would sooner walk a mile than tread on a young turnip or two. There is one notice that usually draws a smile. It reads "Kindly keep off this field. By Order." A request and an order combined.

At nearly every cottage can be purchased either coffee, bread, egrs, butter, milk, chocolate, etc., etc. One meets with some curious signs. "Real laces sold here," makes one wonder what the imitation ones are like. "Wassing done" is quite simple. Tommy often finds himself in a fix over the language.

One was buying some chocolate and the lady serving wanting to know if he wanted to buy two-pennyworth, said "Quatre sous, M'sieu?" Tommy said, "Oui, Madame," was served and departed. The next to the counter, only just arrived from the Base, also wanted some chocolate, and caused a burst of laughter by asking the lady for "Two pennyworth of quatre sous, Madame, sil vous plait."

In the early days of the war, when cigarette papers were at a premium, one budding linguist stopped a native and tried to tell him in the vernacular that he wanted a cigarette paper. It took him quite five minutes to say "Un papier cigarette, M'sieu, sil vous plait." Just imagine the roar that went up when the native said, "Oh, you want a cigarette paper. Here's half-a-dozen." Poor said, "Oh, yo

One had been trying for ten minutes to tell a farmer's wife that he wanted some eggs. After he had drawn an egg on the table with his finger, and she had brought him some potatoes a bright idea struck him; prancing up the room he gave a very good imitation of "Cock-a-doodle-doo," and was promptly served with his eggs. with his eggs.

2ND BATTALION.

Lieut. Colonel Pedley writes on May 22nd;—
We are away on a light kit expedition—only one blanket per man, and 8lbs. of kit for officers. We were supposed to be away for four days, but we have already been eight. It was rather a hard time for five days—very hot, half rations, and only a few hours' sleep each night—twice in a bog. Now we are resting. We had a little fight, no casualties in the Battalion, twenty odd in the Brigade. The exploit has been quite successful. The Turks have evacuated Persia, and we have punished a tribe who were up against our friend, the Sheikh of Muhammarah. The Battalion is fit, and has done well, but rather knocked over by the heat last week.

3RD BATTALION.

The following officers joined the 3rd Battalion from the 1st to 27th of June:

Regular.—Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett, Second Lieuts H. S. Doe and W. L. Wigan (all from 1st Battalion); Second Lieut. W. Wood (commissioned from ranks); Second Lieut. K. A. A. Norris (first appointment).

Special Reserve.—Captain C. Tuff (transfer from 9th Battalion); Lieut. C. W. H. Taylor (from 1st Battalion); Second Lieuts. R. L. Farnell and B. W. Hougham (first appointment).

New Army Attached.—Second Lieuts. C. H. Cane and D. G. Phipps (8th Battalion); Second Lieuts. H. Cosham, S. F. Willis, R. Bartholomew, M. H. Allen, S. G. Wright, and A. Tindall (9th Battalion).

The following officers left the 3rd Battalion during the same period: Regulars.—Captain A. S. Hewitt, Captain W. Newton, and Second Lieut C. H. Windrum (to Expeditionary Force); Captain C. V. Molony (to 10th Battalion). (to 10th Battalion).

Special Reserve.—Captain J. Sawers, Lieuts. M. Robertson and M. H. Woods, Second Lieuts. F. T. Mansfield and J. Presnail (all to Expeditionary Force).

In addition to the above, ten subalterns of the 6th Battalion have paid us an unexpected and fleeting visit. They arrived when their own Battalion went abroad, but went on the next day to the 9th Battalion-

the 2nd Reserve Battalion, as it is now called.

We are sorry that several of our Special Reserve subalterns are again finding their way to other Regiments when they get to the other side. It is recognised that it is a question of luck whether they get to our own 1st Battalion or not, but it always causes the keenest disappointment when they find themselves attached to a strange Corps.

FIRST 4TH BATTALION.

Hugh Rose Barracks, Jubbulpore Camp, India.

24th May, 1915.

The more recent numbers of the "Queen's Own Gazette" that have reached India have proved the members of the 4th Battalion generally to be very inefficient as correspondents, for scarcely a line concerning the Battalion has appeared for several months past. With the object, therefore, of endeavouring to remedy this state of things in the future, I am attempting to put together a few lines for the next issue, in the hope that in spite of the great demand there must now be on the space at the Editor's disposal he will be able to find a corner for their insertion.

We have now settled down more or less contentedly to the regular routine of a soldier's life in our great Indian Empire. With regular routine of a soldier's life in our great Indian Empire. With the rapid advance of the heat of the summer, any anticipations in the direction of active service in Europe that we have had, have gradually faded away, and we are now partially reconciled to a stay of at least one summer in the Shiny East. While the trooping season lasted, we fondly cherished the hope that our turn might come, but with the departure of the last convoy our hopes evaporated. The various units of our Division (The Home Counties) had the honour of being amongst the first Territorial troops to be accepted for foreign service, and we now have perforce to possess our souls in patience, and see others, who volunteered at a much later date, sent to the firing line, while we are left to swelter in India. But we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we are doing our duty to the Motherland by garrisoning the "brightest jewel of the British Crown," and releasing for service thousands of what are, without doubt, the finest and most highly

trained troops in the world.

We are beginning to experience what the heat of Central India is like, and are registering anything up to 110 in the shade in the middle of the day. So far, however, the nights have been reasonably cool, and with the assistance of the kindly ministrations of the punkah-wallah, one is usually able to obtain a good night's

Throughout the first three months of the present year a very strenuous and progressive system of training was carried out, and strendous and progressive system of training was carried out, and the Battalion is undoudtedly in a far more efficient state than when it landed in India at the beginning of December. This is proved by the increasingly favourable reports that we have recently received at the hands of our Brigadier (General Tidswell, D.S.O.), whose caustic criticism has gradually been superseded by what at times almost amounts to commendation. Musketry, however, must still be admitted to be a weak point, there being too big a persentage of third-class shots in the Battalion. Onto a number of centage of third-class shots in the Battalion. Quite a number of officers and N.C.O.'s have now passed through the School of Musketry at Pachmarhi, and it is hoped that the advantage of their experience will be felt when the 1915 course of musketry is commenced shortly. Another factor that should prove a favourable one in this direction is that the course will be fired with the latest pattern short rifle, with which we have recently been re-armed.

With the approach of the hot weather, work has, of course, had to be somewhat relaxed, and a party of the younger men of the battalion, numbering 130, have been sent to a hill station at

Ranikhet.

We have now permanently adopted the double-company system, the four companies being commanded by Captains Robb, Henson, Kelsey and Watney. The four Company-Sergeant-Majors are F. Johnson, H. Wood, G. Carpenter and W. Pollard, and the two former of these will be recognised as members of the Permanent Staff of the Battalion, who have been temporarily absorbed into the Territorial Establishment.

Territorial Establishment.

In the direction of sport, good progress has also to be recorded. Very popular football and hockey leagues have been established, while under the able presidency of Captain F. C. Bourne, the well-known Varsity heavy-weight, a flourishing boxing club has been brought into being. Two very handsome garrison challenge trophies are held by the Battalion. The first of these, the Wallace Football Cup—established some years ago by General Wallace, a former commander of the station—is competed for annually by teams representing batteries or companies of British troops comprising the Garrison of Jubbulpore. After a series of interesting encounters, one company of ours, and a battery of the R.F.A. were left in for the final, which took place on Wednesday, April 14th. The competition was run under the old 8-company establishment, and our representatives were C Company (now the right half of the new B), who after a splendid game, beat their opponents 1—0. The other trophy, the Garrison Hockey Cup, we had still more to ourselves, representatives of other units disappearing in the earlier stages. The final took place on the following Wednesday afternoon, between D and G Companies, the latter winning a rather one-sided game by seven goals to nil. Both matches took place before enthusiastic crowds of spectators, and on each occasion the cup and medals were gracefully presented to the winners by Mrs. Tidswell, the wife of the Brigadier.

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There are many other little items of interest that might perhaps be referred to in connection with the Battalion, but I am afraid have already trespassed too much on the Editor's space. I will therefore conclude with a short account of a concert arranged by the members of the Sergeants' Mess in aid of the Funds for providing comforts for the N.C.O.'s and men of the regiment now on active service. As evidence of the success of the concert and the interest it aroused, perhaps the following extract from "The Statesman" will serve the purpose better than any words of mine.

SECOND 4TH BATTALION.

Since last writing there is very little of interest to record, our time being fully occupied with guard work, the details of which we are not allowed to publish. Men are fully occupied in guarding posts of strategic or industrial importance. Men and officers have been moved about amongst the places occupied by the Battalion, although the number of posts assigned to us has not been changed.

Although we are frequently warned of visits from hostile aircraft, only on one occasion have we seen them. What with watching for aircraft and visiting sentries, night has, in many cases, been turned into day. In spite of this, day has not been turned into night, as officers are fully occupied with courses of various forms instruction, including musketry, signalling, bomb-throwing, and

Experience has been gained in book-keeping, as criticisms of the Pay and Mess Books of last autumn is still fired at us. Explanations are asked for of payment, the making of which we hardly

remember.

Recently some officers of the 9th Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment have been attached to us for "duty and training." We regard this as an honour, and hope that the training they will receive at our hands will justify the course.

The Band has recently been resuscitated, and did very well considering that there was no regular Bandmaster, and the men had had no practice for over six months. Great strides have been made as one of the attached officers has had some experience of conducting a band before he joined.

We hear we are shortly to move to a training centre, but we have heard this so many times before that we have begun to be sceptical.

A WAR FUND CONCERT.

The grounds adjacent to the regimental institute connected with Hugh Rose Barracks, Jubbulpore, were the scene of a successful open-air concert on Saturday evening last. The function was organised by the members of the Sergeants Mess of the 1-4th Battalion "The Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment. The concert originated with a desire on the part of the sergeants to contribute to a fund for the benefit of the two battalions of the regiment now on active service, the first which has been engaged in France since the outbreak of hostilities, and the second, which in the earliest part of the present year was despatched to the Persian Gulf from India. The proposal received the cordial approval of Lieutenant-Colonel Watney and the officers, while practically every N.C.O. and man in the battalion lent his support to the extent of subscribing for a ticket. During the course of the evening a telegram was received from a detachment of the battalion numbering about 130, stationed at Ranikhet, wishing the promoters every success and offering to contribute Rs. 100 to the funds. The grounds adjacent to the regimental institute connected with

funds.
The huge audience that assembled for the concert included, in representatives of every The huge audience that assembled for the concert included, in addition to the officers of the battalion, representatives of every other unit of the garrison, with their ladies, members of the Nerbuda and Phoenix Clubs, the Gun Carriage Factory Institute, etc. An excellent programme was provided, many items being vociferously encored by a very appreciative audience. The humorous element was provided by the Company Sergt-Major Wood, and Company Q.M.S. Harden, who as "The two Comiques" caused roars of laughter; and among the soloists, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Thompson gave excellent renderings of popular songs. Undoubtedly the most popular turn of the evening, however, was provided by "The Merry Quintette," who with their repertoire of musical comedy, songs and dances, made a great hit. An effective display of Indian Club swinging with torchligh effects by the boys of Christ Church Schools concluded the programme. It is hoped that when all expenses have been met a sum of Rs. 900 will remain that when all expenses have been met a sum of Rs. 900 will remain

to be handed to the central fund.

Since the foregoing was written, we have had the misfortune to lose one man of the battalion by disease in the person of Pte. Weedon, of A Company. He was a Maidstone man, and was unfortunate enough to contract what was at first throught to be cholera, through, it is supposed, drinking from a polluted native well. From this, however, he made a good recovery, and was almost convalescent, when he had a sudden relapse, and succumbed on Thursday, May 27th, to septic poisoning. He was buried the following morning with full military honours. This is the first time death has visited us since the tragic end that befell Major Carlisle, who was thrown from his horse and killed a few days after Christmas. Christmas.

SECOND 5TH BATTALION.

This Battalion was raised in October, 1914, under command of Lieut.-Colonel E. Basset Willia (lately Second in Command, 1/5th Battalion), and stationed at Bromley till Nov. 19th; then it moved for January; thence to Tilbury Fort to end of March; thence to Lodge Hill, near Rochester; probably moving to Sevenoaks under canvas this month.

The Battalion was first formed as a Home Service Unit, until recruiting for Home Service ceased generally in January. All officers are for Imperial Service; all Home Service men have now been detached. At the end of April the Battalion supplied seven officers and over 300 men to the Kent Battalion of the Welsh Division. Recruiting to replace these and the Home Service men has been actively in progress, and the Battalion is now nearly full strength, and are all General

Service men.

(We are most grateful for this prompt response to our appeal, and hope we shall hear every month.—ED.)

6TH BATTALION.

We hear that this Battalion have already taken their turn in the trenches. They wrote asking for 1,000 covers to go over the locks of their rifles, and the Maidstone Ladies' Sewing Guild kindly undertook to supply 500, and the Roan School for Girls at Gravesend, although only asked for 50, have with their unfailing generosity, undertaken to make 250. A first consignment has already gone.



Officers of 6th Battalion,

ALDERSHOT, MAY, 1915.

Left to Right: Top Row—2nd Lieut. C. R. Richardson, 2nd Lieut. K. Dykes, Lieut. E. T. Williams, 2nd Lieut. B. V. Wood, 2nd Lieut. H. G. C. Mann, 2nd Lieut. W. W. Pye. Second Row—2nd Lieut. A. G. Heath, Lieut. D. Dale Logan, R.A.M.C., Capt. C. H. Towse, Lieut. H. C. Harris, Lieut. B. Hodgson Smith, 2nd Lieut. H. F. McMaster, Lieut. G. W. Brown, 2nd Lieut. H. F. B. Stevens,

THIRD ROW-Lieut. G. A. L. Hatton, Lieut. and Qr.-Mr. E. Mills, Capt. W. J. Alderman, 2nd Lieut. J. Langlands, 2nd Lieut. G. Hudson, 2nd Lieut. A. Simes, 2nd Lieut. J. S. Mann, Lieut. M. L. W. Matthews, Capt. W. R. A. Dawson.

FOURTH ROW-Capt. H. G. Margetts, Capt. E. J. Hudson, Col. T. H. Brock, Lieut. Col. E. F. Venables, Maj. Gen. Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Maj. H. C. W. Beeching, Capt. and Adjt. G. E. Wingfield-Stratford, Capt. R. P. P. Rowe, Capt. A. B. C. Francis.

FIFTH ROW-Lieut. S. Wilks, 2nd Lieut. M. H. Carre, 2nd Lieut. C. J. Ashton, 2nd Lieut. E. S. Martyn.

7TH BATTALION.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

At least we trust so; for after all the hopes, so devoutly breathed month after month for our speedy departure, we can only echo the apology of the Second Charles for the unconscionable time we are in making our exit into limbo. Two months after Colchester, we are still in the sublimest uncertainty, whether the W.O. has decided that the two size to good to fight and many to impure us in the purlicus that we are too good to fight, and means to immure us in the purlieus of Codford, "ad saecula saeculorum," or whether the Government will oper her mouth for us within four and twenty hours. When the

oper. her mouth for us within four and twenty hours. When the generations to be (vide Recruiting Poster Y2) ask us our part and lot in "the Great War," are we to have aught to tell?

Well some things we shall not forget; at least, while Lieut. Russell, after a week spent at Tidworth, to the great credit of himself and the Battalion proceeds apace with the physical redemption of us all by the gospel of brawn and bayonet, and Lieut. Trask makes day hideous with the stink-pots of his School for Young Nihilists, we may claim that scant grass grows in the streets of Camp 15.

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Two things there remain to chronicle: one, the Inspection by H.M. the King, when the Battalion did its share to gain for the 55th Brigade special mention from the Major-General Commanding the 18th Division; the other, the departure of our late Brigadier for the Dardanelles. The importance of his new appointment is the measure of our loss, and we car only console ourselves with the thought that, had it lain with us to name his successor, one name, and only one, could have been in our thoughts—General Martyn. "In hoc signo vincemus."

A COMPANY.

We are still in the "city" of Codford, despite continual rumours of we are still in the city of country, despite continual runners of moving, and it seems we are doomed to remain here for some weeks yet. The first event of the month was the five-day visit of Colonel Prior to the Front; he went to the base of what is left of Hill 60, and to Ypres, and we have heard first-hand many interesting facts about

life in the trenches.

One Sunday we marched out nine miles to see the artillery fire; four guns were in action, and the flight of the shells could be easily followed Another interesting event was our night in the trenches. We marched out and dug trenches all through the night till noon next day, each Company being relieved every three hours. I think we all slept pretty well on waterproof sheets with one blanket; the sound of the pick (especially when someone else is using it!) is quite a soothing lullaby! We have been trenching several times since then, and our work is looking quite imposing.

Our latest exercise has been bomb-throwing. Twelve men to each company have been appointed bomb throwers. We have had an intermediate the sound of next day, each Company being relieved every three hours. I think we

Company have been appointed bomb throwers. We have had an interesting lecture on the subject, and our officers amuse themselves by

throwing the beastly things about at all hours!

Our principal amusement lately has been inter-platoon cricket, played on the matting which one of our officers has generously supplied; there was also a Divisional Horse Show, details of which have not yet come to hand.

This last week we were out on a 36 hours' trek towards Shaftesbury.
Unfortunately, the weather was very wet; however, we constructed quite tolerable tents with our mackintosh sheets. The worst job was getting home, as the rain came down in torrents, and the going got worse and worse. However, we arrived towards seven o'clock, with remarkably few casualties.

B COMPANY.

" SEMPER EADEM." On this front the situation remains unchanged.

C COMPANY.

Here we are again, a month older and two months' wiser if the Here we are again, a month older and two months' wiser if the amount of work we have done counts for anything. Divisional training has proceeded with great vigour, in spite of the heat, and, in some cases, the wet. On our last divisional scheme we bivouaced for the night near East Knoyle. We had practised making shelters before, and nature kindly made them necessary by sending rain. There are certain things in connection with bivouac shelters that we have now learnt you to learnt NOT to do.

Football has fallen rather flat lately, owing to the heat, but cricket has been indulged in to some extent. A team of officers, in which C Company was represented, went to play Sherbourne School. I refrain from publishing the result here, but no doubt the School Magazine will do justice to it. However, we enjoyed the game, and shaped could be a state of the street.

quite well at the lunch.

D COMPANY.

June finds us still at Codford, a place we have now grown accustomed to, in spite of our rather unfavourable first impressions. Brigade days and divisional training are now the chief items of interest, the latter taking us in one instance to a hitherto unexplored (by us) region of Dorset to bivouac amid thunderstorms and wind, in a spot which in different circumstances we certainly should not have thought ideal; as things were, it suited admirably. We all would have enjoyed the whole thing but for the rain, which came without the least warning. Everyone scuttled in different directions in search of material whewith to construct their different shelters. Most of the fellows "kipped" in two and three together, and so made very comfortable shelters out of ground sheets and a few sticks from the hedges. Naturally, everything was very pfimitive. Some found it great fun to have to wash in a stream of dirty water covered with duck weed, while others found it just the reverse. The march back to camp was accompanied by a heavy thundershower, which not only damped our ardour, but our vesis as well.

On June 10th an impromptu al fresco concert was held in front of the officers' mess, and a jolly affair it was, too. Sergt, Cozens, of B Company, opened the vocal programme with a new patriotic song, which was encored, followed by Lieut. Rich, the Signalling Officer, Captain Anstruther (the Adjutant), C.S.M., Urquhart (B Co.), C.Q.M.S. Cornwell, of our Company, Q.M.S. McEnuff, who is "some" comedian, and others. The Adjutant, Second Lieut, Longley, and Sergt, Morley officiated ably at the piano. The Regimental Band rendered "stirring" selections with drums and fifes, and altogether it was a very pleasant affair. It recalled the old days at Purfleet, where never a week passed but we had at least one concert.

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The June weather here is real summer weather. reigns for a few hours every evening on the green patches of the Barrack Square; and, by the way, we have some very good cricketers

in the Battalion.

8TH BATTALION.

In last month's Q.O. Gazette a few particulars were given of our doings at Shoreham. These were rather short owing to the large amount of Regimental work on hand, but now that we are settling down in our new quarters at Blackdown Camp, Aldershot, a little more time can be devoted to portraying more fully the work that was done at Shoreham.

Reveille sounded at 5.30 a.m., and from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. the Companies worked at Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, etc., under their own arrangements. Breakfast was served at 8 a.m., and at 9 a.m. Commanding Officer's parade. This was, as a rule, done in Marching Order, and very fine the lads looked in it, too. It must be said that they "cottoned down" to wearing the marching order splendidly, and they acceptainly looked a fine holy of man. Dispare at 1 n.m. parade order, and very fine the factor of the marching order splendidly, and they "cottoned down" to wearing the marching order splendidly, and they certainly looked a fine body of men. Dinner at 1 p.m., parade from 2 to 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m., after which time there were not many left in camp, as it seemed that the men could not forget the friends that they made at Worthing during their four months' stay there Nearly every day Company Officers were kept busy signing passes for Worthing, and, speaking from experience, I know that the friends there were very pleased to see any of the men who were billeted upon them.

Several concerts were held at the Y.M.C.A. Hut during our stay at Shereham, and many old favourites from Worthing came over to assist in amusing the men. Among these were the Misses Macwhirter, whom we shall not forget in a hurry. Of course, they brought the whole of their band with them, and the lads certainly enjoyed hearing

On Saturday, 12th June, all the sergeants went for an outing to Arundel. Two touring cars were requisitioned, and they started from camp about 12.30 p.m. They proceeded to Arundel via Beeding, Bramber, and Storrington, where a halt was made for refreshment. The next stop was made at Houghton Bridge, but for quite a different The next stop was made at Houghton Bridge, but for quite a different purpose, No. 1 car giving up the ghost owing to a thirsty engine. It being impossible to proceed any further, No. 2 car wended its way jubilantly by itself, arriving at Arundel about 3.30 p.m. The other party arrived some little while later, and nearly all of them went over Arundel Castle, one of the most beautiful places in the country. The Duke of Norfolk very kindly allowed the Sergeants to inspect the Castle throughout, and most interesting it was, too. They were all extremely grateful for the privilege which was afforded them by His Grace. Tea was served at the Bridge Hotel, after which several songs were sung, a piano being provided in the tea room. The return journey, via Littlehampton, where they stopped for a quarter of an journey, via Littlehampton, where they stopped for a quarter of an hour, was full of excitement so far as rousing everybody up was concerned. The next stop was at our old home, Worthing. It seemed as though the whole town had turned out to meet us. The main street was crowded out, and after half-an-hour's wait we proceeded homewards, very tired, but thoroughly satisfied with the manœuvres

homewards, very tired, but thoroughly satisfied with the manœuvres round the country.

We have great pleasure in publishing the following extract from Battalion Orders, dated 24th May, 1915. Perhaps many of the readers of this Gazette (who were not at Worthing at the time) will remember the severe storm that was experienced all round the coast on 17th February, when so many lives were lost.

"No. 3300 Private W. G. Brockey. 'C' Company, was, on Saturday, 22nd May, 1915, presented with the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal and Parchment Certificate by the General Officer Commanding 72nd Infantry Brigade. The award was made for gallantry in attempting to save the life of the late Mr Jack Burgess, life-boatman, of Worthing, during a severe storm on the 17th February, 1915."

Our hearty congratulations to Private Brockey.

We are now one more step nearer our goal, inasmuch as we are at Aldershot at the time of writing, viz., 27th June, 1915. As usual, great excitement attended the preparations for the move, more so as the Battalion was marching there, which, of course, was a novelty.

the Battalion was marching there, which, of course, was a novelty, as we have always moved by rail before. On Saturday morning, 19th June, a photograph was taken of the whole Battalion, and we now await the arrival of the proofs. Now we come to some news which

it gives us great pleasure to publish. For the first time since the Battalion has been formed, we turned out on this Saturday with a brass band, and splendid they were, too, considering that the bandsmen, enumerated below, had only had a few hours' practice together. On the line of march, from Shoreham to Blackdown, from the 21st to 23rd June, they helped the Battalion along wonderfully. They seemed to us to have been favoured with an extra amount of wind and stamina during those three days, and, in the words of the old soldiers, they were "Botatcha," The following are the names of the bandsmen and the instruments they play:-

Sergeant J. T. HibbertTenor I	Horn.
Sergeant W. HopkinsPic	colo.
Private T. HollinsClari	
Private S. RussellClari	
Private S. ElphickB Co	rnet.
Private J. BarkerB Co	
Private J. FullerB Co	
Private J. MarshB Co	
Private F. FlintB Co	
Private W. BakerEuphon	
Corporal F. BakerBomba	
Private D. AllisonB	
Private W. HumphriesBari	
Private H. KeilyB	
Private R. McAlees	
Private T. HitchB	
Private J. HardingB	
Private F. HookerB	
Private J. EvansB	
Private A. BonnerB	
Private W. WallSide Dr	
Private A. McGuireSide Dr	
Private S. MansellSide Dr	
Private T. OvendenSide Dr	
Private J. WallaceSide Dr	nms
Private L. OwenBass D	
	rum.

Of course, we cannot say much about Blackdown Camp yet, as we have not had enough time to look round. For the present, at any rate the weather has been very unkind to us, so we will defer news of our doings here until the next issue.

9TH BATTALION!

Since our last notes appeared we have been putting in some hard training, and as the days go on the Battalion is getting more and more efficient. The men in the Service Company have fired their musketry course and are now ready to take their place in the field. Good progress has also been made in the other Companies.

At the end of June there was a redistribution of the Battalion. The Draft Company becomes D Company, A and B are reserve service companies, while C is the Depot Company. The great majority of the officers are posted to C Company. The Companies are now commanded as follows: A Company, Major Bader; B, Captain Ansell; C, Major Walter; D, Major Taylor.

Major Annesley left us during the month, having been appointed second in command of the 11th Battalion at Lewisham. The men of B Company gave him a hearty send off. Captain Ansell succeeded Major Annesley in the command of the company and retains the position on the reorganisa-tion of the Battalion. Lieut. Tuff has joined the 3rd Battalion with the rank of Captain-promotion well deserved. 2nd Lieut. Eustace is on the way to "foreign parts"-somewhere!

Our list of officers is still increasing. Early in the month ten arrived

from the 6th Battalion and others are constantly reporting their arrival.
On June 10th, Sir Leslie Rundle, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, inspected a large body of troops, infantry and cavalry, including the 5th Reserve Infantry Brigade of which we form a part. The inspection was held in the Abbey Fields. Atterwards the Brigades marched past the General. Of course we looked very smart and The inspection was held in the Abbey Fields. Afterwards the Sir Leslie was obviously pleased, for this is what subsequently appeared in orders and was read on parade :—
"The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief expresses the satisfaction

he feels that so fine a body of troops has now come under his command. All units on parade at his inspection on Thursday last presented a thoroughly soldierly appearance. The turn out of both the cavalry and thoroughly soldierly appearance. The turn out of both the cavalry and infantry was excellent. He particularly noticed the way the infantry equipment was put on.

"He has little doubt that all ranks when called upon to take their place in the fighting line will give a good account of themselves.

One of our N.C.O's, Sergt. J. L. Marvin of D Company, has proved himself a smart recruiting agent. He was on leave recently for 48 hourshe lives Hackney way—and during that time was successful in persuading four young fellows to join the colours. For this he gained an extension of leave of four days. This effort of Sergt, Marvin's shews what good use can be made of leave. An extra day's leave for each recruit should be an inducement for others to follow his example.

Lieut. O. Willis, who recently underwent a course at Aldershot, has been appointed Battalion Physical Training Officer.

On June 23rd a concert was held in the Lecture Hall. It was a very enjoyable and successful affair, being one of those agreeable little functions that go to make barrack life pleasant, and there was a very large audience. The idea of holding the concert came from our Brigade Chaplain, the Rev. W. A. Douglas-Hamilton, and in organising it he called to his assistance Captain E. Baker and Lance-Corp!. Hogarth. An excellent programme was arranged and the concert revuled the perhaps not surprising fact that we have a good deal of artistic talent in the Battalion. Lance. Corpl. Hogarth was at the piano and besides making an efficient and sympathetic accompanist contributed a couple of pianoan emetert and sympathetic accompanist contributed a couple of pianoforte solos. He also took part in singing some trios. Pte. Robson who has a bass voice of fine quality gave robust renderings of "Off to Philadelphia" and Simon the Cellerar." Two of our officers also contributed songs—Captain Baker and Lieut, Innocent, The former sang "My little grey home in the West," and "Kitty, the telephone girl." "Kitty" pleased the audience immensely and an encore was demanded. (Rumour has it that the men haven't left off singing "Kitty" yet). Mr. Innocent's singing of "The sunshine of your smile" and "The King's Own" gave much pleasure. Pte Webb ways "When Triph ever are smiling" which much pleasure. Pte Webb gave "When Irish eyes are smiling," which seems to rival "Tipperary" at home and in the trenches. Other vocalists were Sergt. Hosmer, one of our veterans whose voice is still mellow and well under control, and Private Avard who rendered such popular songs as "Down the vale" and "Somewhere a voice is calling" in good style. The trios by Lance-Corpl. Hogarth, Corpl. Hearne and In good style. The trios by Lance-Corpl. Hoghron, Corpl. Healing and Private Avard were much appreciated, particularly their rendering of "Comrades in Arms." The cornet solos by Drummer Harris, and the violin solos by Pte. Cobbing gave variety to the programme. Drummer Harris is quite a skilled performer, and his playing of Tosti's "Good-bye" and "The Lost Chord" were interesting features of the entertainment. Pte. Cobbing, too, has a good acquaintance with his instrument and his notes were deep and rich. We hope to have more of these entertainments before very long.

As long ago as Friday, May 28th, it was agreed at a meeting of the officers of this Battalion to form a miniature rifle club for the N.C.O's and

Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell and Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt consented to be President and Vice-President respectfully, and the latter has most kindly given the club a very handsome cup for inter-company competitions; an executive committee of three members was elected as follows: Captain H. Ansell, Captain R. W. Borrisow and Lieutenant J. R. Wood, with 2nd-Lieutenant J. A. Bartlett as secretary.

• The executive committee met on May 31st to draw up rules and organise the club. From that date to this matters have unfortunately been partly at a standstill, as the secretary has been too busy with battalion musketry work to get out the necessary notices, etc.; he is, however, glad to be able to report that by the time this appears in print the club will be in full swing. Matters have been only partly at a standstill, as scores have been made by each company, and thus, as will be seen later, the companies have automatically entered into competition.

A general outline of the organisation of the club follows. It is administered by the Battalion executive committee, mentioned above, which will always consist of officers, and which is the final authority to

which all matters requiring settling may be referred.

Each Company has its president and secretary, both officers, and a committee of three elected by the whole Company from the N.C.O's and

All committees meet once a month and keep minutes of their meetings, the Company committees keeping in addition the scores of their men, and a record of musketry work done during the month.

Provision is made for the co-operation of Company committees with the Battalion executive committee and other similar matters incidental to the running of a club, but too tedious and uninteresting for a general report.

Competitions are between Companies and are run on the following

lines :-

Whenever a man shoots on the range his score is recorded; at the end of each week each man's best score is noted, and the names of the twenty men who return the best scores, of those so noted, are posted on the Company notice board. At the end of each month the eight best scores are taken from these four lists, and their total gives the Company's score; the Company returning the best total holds the cup for the ensuing month.

No subscriptions from the men are thus necessary, and are, in fact, forbidden by a rule of the club; any man may however buy ammunition from the Battalion Secretary and practice on his Company night, the

score he makes will be entered along with the others.

By these means the competition is never closed and interest is always maintained, as each week any man in a Company has a chance of appearing on the weekly list and every week too if he can make a sufficiently good score; also by the scores being posted each week every man, who has not got his first twenty, knows approximately what standard he must reach to get there, and men already on the list can see in what way they

can make improvement.

The only restriction about entering is that every man must pass the triangle of error test before he can compete. For the main outline of this scheme we are indebted to our Quartermaster, Lieut. Wood, who has had much experience with miniature rifle clubs and has found this particular scheme work exceedingly well.

10TH BATTALION (KENT COUNTY).

As we are only one month old, we cannot be expected to write as well or so voluminously as older people. Nevertheless we hope that some short epistle from their baby brother, will be of interest to our mature and adolescent Battalions. We are young as I have said, but we believe we have all the energy, and we hope we have some share of the charm of youth. We are also growing up as fast as we possibly can. For instance, as regards numbers, we now total—no you don't Mr. Censor! Again, as regards efficiency, we shall certainly be fit to take on double our numbers of Turks. Huns, Vandals, or any other blighters at the latest by the end of—sold again Censor! In fact, we are an eminently healthy and well developed child, and we have a particularly delightful cradle-camp I should say. Accounts of specific events are enclosed.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

I will endeavour to enlighten the remaining Battalions of the Queen's Own regarding the interesting items connected with the above Mess. During the short time we have been at our present abode we have got quite "a move on" in every direction.

Firstly, our Mess is voted as being absolutely "Top Hole" in comfort, and I can assure you, Mr. Editor, that many members will blush when I say that every advantage is taken of the comfort on Sunday afternoons. It is unanimously agreed as being an "Arcadia" of the first company.

Secondly, we have already entertained an appreciative audience to an

impromtu smoker, which proved to be quite as successful and enjoyable as one which had been arranged. The affair happened on Wednesday, 30th June last, and commenced about 8 o'clock, under the chairmanship of Regtl. Sergt. Major Bickley with visitors and members numbering about forty. About 8.15 we were greatly honoured by the entrance of quite 80 per cent. of the Officers, and shortly afterwards by the presence of the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant.

Very talented eff rts were rendered by Officers and Members alike among

whom shone:

The Colonel, Musical advice to his supporters
 The Officers, who could not remember their songs (Two in number).

3 —The Officers who did render their songs, 4.—The Sergt, Major as a "Calvalry man." 5.-Mr. Cross (Canteen Manager) in his trade.

6.-Mr. Barnes (Drill Instructor) who sung splendidly despite his cold.

7.- The other members who gave excellent turns.

8 .- A member who informed us of a day out with "Teddy."

9 .- Last, but not least, the Lady who presided throughout at the piano. During the evening the attendance gradually accumulated and many were pleased to see "The Lovely Faces" from the "Depot" appear.

The evening was very nicely ended, with usual musical Honours after an exceedingly complimentary speech by the Colonel

Thirdly, two sporting matches were played against the Officers. One at

football and the other at cricket.

The football match took place in camp and resulted in a win for the Sergeants after an exciting game by two goals to one. Many "Dark Horses" were apparent amongst the Officers, who now and then proved far too quick for a few of the "Sweats" of our team. At half time the score stood I—o in favour of the Officers, but matters were soon righted, and owing to the energy of our team the match finished as stated. We are promised revenge early next week: Wait and see,

The cricket match proved the other way round and we lost by two wickets. Neither teams were fully represented at this match. WE have promised

revenge, Wait and see.

We regret we have not space for full details of the cricket and football matches.-Ed.]

11TH BATTALION.

The latest addition to the Royal West Kent family, a promising ant, came into being five weeks ago-the 11th "Queen's Own" (Lewisham).

The Battalion is already some 400 strong, with Lieut.-Colonel Searle, as Commanding Officer, and Major A. J. P. Annesley (from the 9th) second in command. The rank and file are a hefty lot, nearly all local men, and the corps grows daily. Headquarters are located at the Private Banks' Cricket Ground, the Pavilion providing excellent offices; and the field serves admirably as a Parade ground. Training is proceeding steadily, the men shaping remarkably well

ir. so short a space of time, and they have already had their equip-

ment issued to them.

They are all billeted in the locality, and, besides two Clubs for their use, ground is available for cricket and football, and other recreation is being provided.

NOTES.

The undermentioned Lieutenants have been promoted Captains supernumerary to the establishment:—

J. K. Kay, W. F. MacNeece, W. Newton.

The following have been gazetted as Second Lieutenants in the

Regiment:

Company-Sergeant-Major W. Wood.

Gentleman Cadet K. A. A. Norris, from Royal Military College, Colour-Sergeant J. Milis, And the following as Temporary Second Lieutenants from the Artists' Rifles:—

Artists' Rifles:—
Privates D. R. Leatherdale and R. S. Walters.
Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., has been appointed General
Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, at Fourth Army Training Centre.
Captain R. G. C. Brock (Bimbashi, Egyptian Army), has joined
the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force for temporary duty,
and is now in the Dardanelles. Acting Staff Captain, 88th Brigade, 29th Division.

Major J. D. Laurie, 4th Battalion, has been promoted Temporary

Lieut.-Colonel.

Temporary Second Lieutenants R. K. Foulkes, 6th Battalion, and I. St. George, 8th Battalion, have been transferred to the Army Cyclists' Corps.

The 8th Battalion have moved from Shoreham-on-Sea to Black-down, near Aldershot.

We understand that Colonel R. C. Style is about to be given a

Brigade Command.

Major F. W. Burbury is now serving under the Director of Railway Transport at General Headquarters of the British Expeditionary

Lieut. D. P. Forestier-Walker has joined the Depot for duty. Captain C. V. Molony (Hon. Major) has been appointed to the 10th Battalion, and recommended for Second in Command.

NOTES FROM PESHAWAR.

We are indebted to Second Lieut, C. W. Harrison, 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, for the following. Our readers will recog-nise him as the former Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion. 8th June, 1915.

As many readers of the Queen's Own Gazette know this charming spot, it may be of interest to them, whether at home or forming part of one of the many Expeditionary Forces, to hear a little news from the station in which so many have perspired, shivered.

and cursed.

In times of peace the garrison of Peshawar considers itself as part of the Army. We now, however, recognise the fact that we are but one of the well-known frontier tribes, having given up all hope of taking an active part in assisting to reduce the size of the German Knut

The giddy mosquito and the almost invisible sandfly still perform their alletted tasks—that of making life unbearable and reducing all one's good resolutions to nothing owing to the consumption of huge drinks in the attempt to obtain rest.

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Many places have suffered financially. Not so Peshawar. The masculine summer exodus has not taken place, the garrison is at war strength, with the result that servants, food, drinks, and all that make life tolerable have increased in cost accordingly. "The sack of apples for an anna" period has passed, never, alas, to return. Cherat is not opened. True, we have some troops there, but hockey, football, polo, tennis, gymkhana, and the walks on its one and only road, have lost their attraction, for the sex, known as gentle, are not. Cherat this year is given over to mere man, and its glories have departed.

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The Fort. What delightful!!! memories of cool, enjoyable summer nights will occur to many. Clothed in as little as one could with decency wear, drinking tepid drinks while listening to the strains of the latest on the gramophone. We have electric fans and lights in the Fort. Four fans on each side of the men's bungalows, and two would be ample. Inside the bungalow mosquitos are not known; they cannot stand the pressure. The Company at present in the Fort have sent a petition to the G.O.C to be allowed to stay there until the end of the summer. until the end of the summer.

Officers in charge of machine gun sections also have an additional Officers in charge of machine gun sections also have an additional pleasure. In addition to the lumps of concentrated cussedness required for the guns, they have A.T. carts without the native driver. Picture what an interesting picture two four-legged mules make, each trying to pull an A.T. cart in a different direction, with a driver who would be more at home with a shovel, taking up the whole of the road, and a Battakion, already five minutes late, trying to get to church before anyone with red and white feathers on his helmet arrives. arrives

We have also had our little picnic, though I did not participate, We have also had our little pichic, though I did not participate, not desiring to get potted by a mouldy Afghan armed with a gaspipe. Some of our brethren from further north thought it was the time and place to collect the elusive rupee from their more peaceable neighbour, and, accordingly, took tickets for Shabkada. The flying column went out and flew to the best of their ability, but, as there were any number up to 20,000 out, a brigade had to go out to see fair play. We had a good number of casualties, but, what had every appearance of becoming a very welcome interlude, fizzled out, the only outward and visible sign being an increased number of mounds in the tiny God's Acre at Shabkada.

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While so many good men are going under, the death of one in this outpost seems but a little thing. It was with regret that I was warned for a "funeral to-morrow at 6.30 a.m.," but it was with deeper regret when, arriving at the Company lines, I found that I had to assist in paying the last honour to the late Lance-Corporal Bickle, who, being employed as clerk in the Divisional Office, had remained in Peshawar when the 2nd Battalion left for Multan. He contracted fever, and, as so many do, stuck it until forced to report sick, when all medical skill was unavailable.

CONCERT AT DEPOT.

A most enjoyable concert was given to the wounded men in the Barracks on June 21st, by Miss K. Warde, the daughter of the Chief Constable of the County, and we beg to offer her the grateful thanks of the Regiment. The programme was as follows:—Part I., Russian National Anthem and Rule Britannia, Boy Scout Troup; piano solo, Mr. H. Weedon; song, Mr. A. Tuff; song, Mr. H. Small; exhibition of boxing, Scouts F. Wood and A. Webb; song, Mr. Cooke; song, Miss G. Cole; sketch, "The Clairvoyante," Miss K. Warde and Miss S. Kennard. Part II., song, Mr. Cocke; wrestling, Scouts A. and E. Tomsett; song, Mr. Small; song, Mr. A. Tuff; song, Miss G. Cole; Belgian National Anthem by Boy Scouts; God Save the King. The sketch, given by Miss Warde and Miss Kennard, afforded much amusement, and the singing was much appreciated, the songs of Miss Cole and Mr. Small being received with deafening applause, and encores had to be given three times. These kind artists gave the men a very pleasant evening.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following:-

ROYAL WEST KENTS CAPTURE HILL 60. "THEY COULDN'T BUDGE US ONE INCH.

The various reports of the actual storming and taking of Hill appear very complicated and misleading. Many regiments of 60 appear very complicated and misleading. Mai Infantry, and the Canadians, have been mentioned

As a matter of fact, "C" Company of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, supported by "B" Company, and two Companies of the K.O.S.B.'s—who formed a working party—were the only troops engaged in the actual storming and taking of this now famous hill. Any other troops in any way connected with this engagement were utilised to support and repel counter attacks, and for the purposes of relief, which happaned after the night of April 17-18.

It may be more surprising to know that the actual charge made by "C" Company 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, was carried out, and the Hill captured, with seven casualties only! Naturally, casualties were very heavy whilst repelling vigorous counter attacks afterwards, but, as at Neuve Chapelle, they couldn't budge us one inch. one inch.

Everything had been so splendidly organised beforehand that the explosion of mines, the charge, and the establishment of our-selves in the enemy's trenches, were completed before 7.20 p.m. The first mine exploded at 7 p.m. So swiftly was everything carried out, that several Germans were caught in their shirt sleeves, and all of them were in a state of terrible confusion.

All agreed afterwards that it was the biggest treat we have experienced during the whole campaign.

Many or tstanding debts were paid, for amongst those who charged were many who had tasted the "enemy's lead" at Mons, Missey, and Neuve Chapelle.

WHAT IS COURAGE.

The following appeared in the Bystander of May 12th.

Exactly what is courage still forms a topic of discussion. But surely it is to endurance that the palm should be awarded, rather than to those sudden acts of bravery of which the least brave may, in moments of excitement, be almost unconsciously capable.

For instance, a wounded subaltern of the Royal West Kent tells me of one day of endurance which will remain in his memory as long as life lasts. It was "up to" his Regiment to undertake the charge of the German trenches on Hill 60 immediately after the explosion of the mine, which was due at seven o'clock. He and his men had to sit watching that hill for the whole day, with the knowledge that at "seven sharp" they were to "charge"—to the certain death of many or most.

My friend's task was to keep the men cheerful in presence of their coming ordeal. But as the men in question spent the whole of the day playing halfpenny nap, his services were superfluous.

APPEALS.

No. 5068 Pte. Ernest Wood, A Company, 1st Battalion, was killed in action on May 5th, and his friends at 1, Convent Cottages, Reading Street, Broadstairs, would be grateful if any of his comrades who know details of his death would communicate with them.

No. 9151 Pte. Thomas Harold Gardiner, 1st Battalion, has been officially reported missing since April 18th, at the battle of Hill 60. His Father at High Street, Hadlow, is anxiously awaiting news of him. Should anyone be able to give any information concerning him his Father would be most grateful.

No. 10181 Pto. Albert Saunders, 1st Battalion, was reported wounded on April 23rd, but no news has been received of him since. His parents, who live at Spimo Park, Paddock Wood, would be glad to hear from any of his comrades who could give any information concerning him.

PRIVATE G. H. JOHNSON.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal was granted to Private G. H. Johnson, 1st Battalion :-

"For conspicuous gallantry on October 27th, 1914, at Neuve Chapelle, in going out of his trench to within 200 yards of the enemy in daylight, and removing the sights from one of our abandoned field guns, and subsequently for returning to the gun and removing the breach-block, thereby rendering the gun useless to the enemy.

CAPTAIN G. S. COOPER.

We regret to see the following announcement in the "Times" of July 3rd:-On June 28th at Jhansi, India, Captain George Stanley Cooper, 5th Batta ion Royal West Kent Regiment, Station Staff Officer, shot by a fanatic.

CAPTAIN A. d' E. KNOX.

Our readers will be glad to learn that Captain Knox, who was wounded last month, and had a very serious relapse soon after his arrival in London, is now progressing favourably.

A CONCESSION TO MRS. GRUNDY.
"DRESS.—Reference Garrison Order 664 of April 16, 1915. Officers above the rank of 2nd Lieutenant may wear trousers when in the town."-Garrison orders, Weymouth. From "THE TIMES."

The Red Cross Ladies, by working in shifts, are able to keep the Buffet open from 6 a.m. until midnight.

From the "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

At G,H.Q.

My interview took place in a large and well lighted room, the sole furniture of which was a large table spread with maps, and some arm chars.

OPTIMISTS AND PESSIMISTS.

The Optimist is the man who states as facts those things which he wishes to believe.

The Pessimist is the man who has to listen to the Optimist

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Private Hatch. Miss Shepherd, Nov., 1915. Private McFarbridge. Major Hitchins.

Lady G. Bazley-White. 8th Batt. Royal West Kent, May, 1915.

Mrs. Howe, April, 1916. 3rd Batt, Royal West Kent, May,

1915. Sergt.-Major Rogers. 7th Batt. Royal West Kent, May,

1915. Captain Seccombe.

Lieut. and Qr.-M. Foote, July, 1916. Mr. W. Cotton.

Co.-Qr.-Mr.-Sergt, Mobberley. Major Neve.

Capt. Curtis (3rd Suffolks), May, 1915.

Depot Royal West Kent, June, 1915. Lt. and Qr.-Mr. Cover. Miss Eldred.

Co.-S.-M. Duffield. Sergt.-Major Reeves. Private J, Roberts.

Privite J. Redmond. Private T. Grayamark, May, 1916. Sergt. Cannon.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. Graysmark-Regret we are unable to reproduce your sketch. 1/4th Batt. Correspondent-Your contribution is very welcome. cannot reproduce photo of the two comiques.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of July.

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain M. W. Graham, 2nd Battalion. Lieutenant N. B. Howell, 2nd Battalion. 2nd Lieutenant A. C. Elton, 2nd Battalion.

WOUNDED.

Captain J. W. Nelson, 2nd Battalion. Captain C. R. Ingram, 2nd Battalion. 2nd Lieutenant A. Howe, 2nd Battalion. 2nd Lieutenant A. E. Carpenter, 1st Battalion. and Lieutenant W. A. I. Richardson, 1st Battalion. and Lieutenant A. G. Heath, 6th Battalion.

Captain Marmaduke Whitaker Graham was killed in action in Mesopotamia on July 24th. All who knew him will be deeply grieved. He will be greatly missed both in military and social life of the Regiment. His organizing ability and skill at games will be hard to replace. He had served over 10 years in the Regiment. Captain Graham was our 2nd Battalion correspondent, and our readers will miss his interesting letters.

Lieutenant Norman Bulmer Howell was also killed at the same place and date. He had served over three years in the Regiment. A most popular officer, his loss will be greatly

and Lieutenant A. C. Elton was promoted from Quarter-Master-Sergeant N. Staffords in November, 1914.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the casualty list from July 1st to 31st, 1915:

1st BATTALION.

	VILLED	IN ACTION.
8529 1	LceCorpl. G. Bailey.	39 Pte. J. Kelly.
	Pte. A. Batterham.	4738 Pte. F. S Kenward.
7723	Corpl. F. Crew.	7234 Corpl. A. W. Marks.
4606	Pte. E. Greagsby.	412 rte. R. Moseley.
10242	Pte. H. Haggar.	5064 Pte. W. Simmonds.
8049	Pte. W. Harding.	4862 Pte. G. Tucker.

WOUNDED.

10254 LceCorpl. A. Blackwell.	351 Pte. C. Hibbert.
495 LceCorpl. T. Cooper.	860 Pte. T. Hines.
9125 Pte. G. Coulter.	5105 Pte. E. Jenner.
10574 Pte. C. Cutler	7834 Pte. T. Lane.
8958 Pte. F. Dempter.	5110 Pte. F. Reeve.
6778 Lce. Corpl. T. Dykes.	8968 Pte. B. Smith.
3645 Pte. W. Dyson.	10342 Pte. G. Stiles.
4354 Pte. J. Game	4730 Pte. H. Wheeler.
7405 Pte. C. Harmer,	10094 Pte. F. Williams.
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Previously reported missing, now rejoined. 10132 Pte. T. Harris. Previously reported wounded, now not wounded. 4414 Pte. S. Bowles. Previously reported wounded and missing, now wounded and prisoner of war. 7681 Corpl. T. Hayhurst.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing. 4311 Pte. C. Callaway. 7289 Pte. T. Francis.

Missing 6698 Pte. A. Perry.

969 Pte. F. Harvey.

Prisoner of War. 8367 Pte. A. Moody.

6th BATTALION. WOUNDED.

719 Pte. A. Blay.	330 Pte. S. Horsham.
324 Pte. L. Boarer.	352 Pte. W. Lulham.
739 Pte. H. Bonny	331 Pte. M. Reilly.
85 Pte. J. Boxell.	7819 Pte. F. Venables.
3495 Pte. C. Cole.	322 Pte. R. Wyatt.

ALL BATTALIONS. OFFICERS

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Total all casualties amongst Officers

In our next issue a revised list will be given showing the casualties amongst Officers according to the Battalions with which they were serving at the time.

1st BATTALION. N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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As we know that there are 173 of our men, exclusive of the two in present list, prisoners of war in Germany, they must necessarily be composed of those we have hitherto shown as either "Wounded and Missing" or "Missing." This therefore only leaves 18 men to come under those two headings. The table should therefore read as follows:

Died.	Killed,	Wounded. 1048	Missing.	Prisoners of War. 173
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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men 1623

6th BATTALION.

N.C.O.'s and MEN.

FIRST LIST.

Wounded 11.

N.B.--" Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning,"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editor will be grateful if anyone can supply him with copies of the "Queen's Own Gazette" for the months of August and September, 1914. Three copies of each are required.

He desires to express his regret that he should have stated that the Roan School for Girls was at Gravesend-it is at The work they are doing for the Regiment is inestimable.

We are able to give a portrait of Brigadier General A. Martyn with this month's issue. He is now in France in command of the 55th Brigade, but the photograph was taken last November, just before he was wounded, when in command of the famous 13th Brigade. He was the first Commanding Officer who was given a Brigade.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the tenth list of donations received by the Officer Commanding Depot to July 31st, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal: -

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Previously acknowledged	1242	7	9
July 1st: Major Smith (2nd donation)	1	0	0
Brigadier-General Martyn (2nd donation)		0	0
Colonel G. W. Maunsell (2nd donation)	5		0
Captain Roy Brock (monthly, 7th donation)	5	0	0
Capt. Lister (Prisoner of War, through Miss Lister)	3	0	0
Mrs. Barrow (2nd donation)	2	10	0
July 3rd: Mr. G. Willis, on behalf of "Kentish Mercury"	9	6	6
July 6th: Maidstone Working Men's Club (2nd donation)	0	17	3
July 9th: Colonel W. H. Bayly (2nd donation)	5	0	0
July 12th: Brigadier-General H. G. Fitton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C.,			
(3rd donation)	10	0	0
July 14th; Mr. Frederick Thomas	0	2	-0
LieutColonel C. W. Watney, Commanding 1/4th			
Royal West Kent, Proceeds of a Concert held at			
Jubbulpore, India, and got up by the Sergeants of			
the Battalion	60	0	0
July 15th: The Rev. Edmund Best Dalison	10	0	0
July 22nd: Colonel Everard Luck (2nd donation)	5	0	0
July 23rd: LieutColonel S. H. Pedley	20	0	0
LieutColonel W. E. Rowe (3rd donation)	10	0	0
July 28th: Battalion Funds, 7th Battalion	50		0
Sergeants, 7th Battalion (2nd donation)	7	9	5
Colonel R. H. P. Doran (2nd donation)	10	0	0
LieutColonel N. H. S. Lowe (2nd donation)	10	0	0
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The Officer commanding the Depot asks us to publish the following letter which he has received :-

The enclosed cheque for £9 6s. 6d. represents the amount subscribed by readers of the Kentish Mercury, at my suggestion as Editor of that paper, to mark their sense of the gallantry and heroism displayed by the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment at the Front.

I am sending this to you with the request that you will employ the money in the manner which to you may seem

best suited to carry out the idea above expressed.

The amount is not large, but those who have subscribed have been appealed to so frequently to contribute to one fund or another in connection with the present war, that I feel it is as much as I have reason to expect in the circumstances.

> Believe me to be, Sir, Yours faithfully, G. WILLIS.

GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from the following ladies during this month :-Mrs. Arthur Borrer.

The Central Depot, Maidstone.

Mrs. Nunn.

Mrs. Burbury.

The Roan School for Girls, through Miss Walker.

Mrs. Snelgrove.

Mr. Frederick Thomas

Miss Norrington, of the London C.C. Institute.

Miss Johnston.

Miss M. B. Burnard.

The Viscountess Falmouth.

Mrs. O. B. Simpson.

Mrs, Leney.

Mrs. Wintour.

Mrs. A. J. Ruck.

Mrs. Evelyn Gardiner (Folkestone).

Lieut.-Col. Dalison writes: "The last lot of the 1,000 rifle lock covers were received by the 6th Battalion on the 13th July, and are giving every satisfaction. For the information of those who do not know what these things mean, I might say they are a sort of bag, open at both ends, which slips up over the butt till it covers the lock, and is secured in position by a draw string at each end, and this serves to keep all the dust and dirt out of the lock, which, before these coverings came into use, were often prevented from working by the dirt jamming the parts, which was a source of serious danger, sometimes at a critical moment. The Roan School for Girls made 450 of these, and Maidstone Central Fund 550. On the 10th July I heard from Capt. Buchanan-Dunlop, 1st Battalion, saying they were being pestered with flies both in the trenches and in their billets; could I send him out some garden syringes and some fly papers? Five garden syringes, with two gallons of sanitary fluid, two gallons of formalin, and 600 sticky fly papers were sent by post next day. I have not heard if the remedies were any use, but I think what I sent, if any use, will be asked for again as soon as wanted.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the 1st Battalion in July, viz.:— July 7th—Four bales, containing 55 bundles, from The Roan School for Girls, of Greenwich, each bundle done up in a most useful rough towel and fastened up by half-a-dozen safety pins. Inside the parcels were 1 pair socks, chocolates, little tins sherbet, packets of cigarettes, potted meats, tins of milk, and a piece of khaki cloth transfixed by a needle and some yards of thread, pencils, note paper and envelopes, boot laces, etc. (via Southampton).

July 9th-4 gross tins of milk (small).

July 12th-21 parcels containing 226 shirts; 12 parcels containing 232 pairs

socks; 89 vests; 53 pairs of pants.

July 16th—15,000 cigarettes.
July 19th—1 parcel containing some odds and ends, a pair of hair clippers.

July 20th—1 case containing 1008 boxes of safety matches.

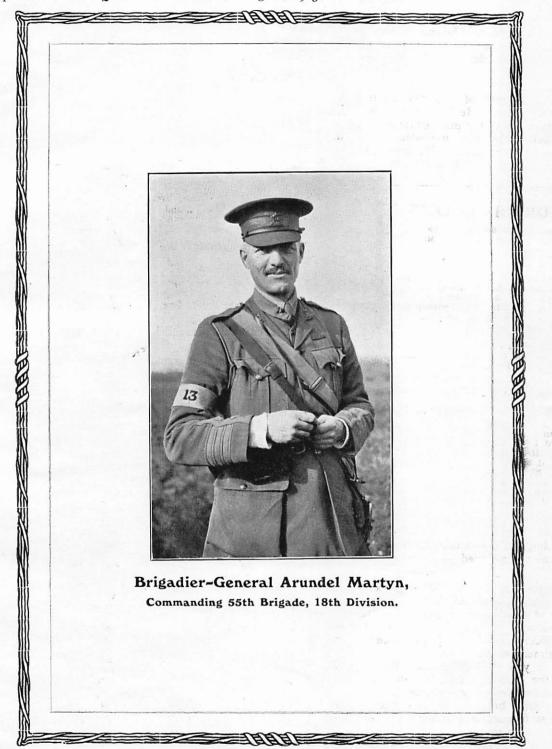
July 24th—1 parcel containing 96 pipes.

About half of the goods sent on July 12th were received on the 17th Nothing has been sent to the 2nd Battalion this month, but Lieut,-Colonel Pedley writes that they have received all that was sent on the 16th April, except about 17,000 cigarettes and 300 canvas shoes. He also acknowledges receipt of eight parcels containing 365 pairs of socks sent off on 22nd April and 11 parcels sent off on May 7th, containing 252 pairs of socks, 40 shirts, and a few dozen vests and pants, and they still have a large consignment of 20,000 and 15,000 cigarettes, boot laces, soap, etc., etc., on its way to them. The case of safety matches sent them, was returned from Southampton for the reason that no ship was going, so

they were passed on to 1st Battalion, Colonel Pedley expresses his grateful thanks on behalf of the Battalion for all these gifts, and says that they have received a goodly lot of similar gifts from the ladies of Bombay, and that they are well stocked for the present. His last letter is dated from Basra, June 23rd.

OUR WOUNDED.

Our wounded continue to be most kindly entertained here by all the ladies and gentlemen mentioned in two previous Gazettes to which list the following names may be added:—Mrs. Coveney, Mr. E. W. Streatfield, Miss Stevens, Mrs. R. Style, and Lady Grace Bazley White, Mrs. Henry Lushington, Rev. J. S. Buckley on behalf of the members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Mrs. Seligman, and East and West Farleigh Cottage Gardeners' Society.



INCTICAL

We should like to say how very much our wounded enjoy the River Picnics given by Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Avery, and their friends, who often take off 35 and 40 at a time up the Medway giving them tea on the banks, and once more to express the thanks of the Regiment to those kind people who continue on our Permanent List of entertainers.

A very successful concert was given to our wounded on July 20th at which the following programme was carried out :- 1 Pianoforte selection, Mr. Weedon; 2 Song, "Jack of all Trades," Private Needham; 3 Song, "I'll make a man of you," Miss Cole; 4 Cornet solo, Dr. Tye; 5 Song, "I do like a nice mince pie," Mr. Small; 6 Song, "Some day your voice will answer," Miss Dirks; 7 "A modern sermon," Lance-Corporal Kempster; 8 Song, "Gretna Green," Miss Mackintosh.

9 Pianoforte solo, Miss Ivy Powell; 10 Song, Miss Cole; 11 Mandoline solo, Mr. Sherwood; 12 Song, Private Bonnington; 13 Song, Dr. Lee; 14 Song, "The red rose of England," Miss Mackintosh; 15 Song, Mr. Small; 16 Song, "The sunshine of your smile," Miss Dirks; 17 Song (selected), Corporal Greig. "God Save the King."

Corporal Greig. "God Save the King."

The songs of the lady artistes, judging by the vociferous calls for "encores," were greatly appreciated as they richly deserved. Cigarettes were freely distributed throughout the evening and next day, from a sum of money presented by the Mayoress of Maidstone, collected by Master Porter.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following is a list supplied by Mr. J. L. Spoor of the kind people who are sending food, etc., to our Prisoners of War :-

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1 Miss E. M. Hills	2	18 Miss Elgood 1
2 G. Lane, Esq	2	19 Lady Burghclere 41
3 F. Tett, Esq	1	(all at Wahu Camp for six weeks).
4 Mrs. Crockford	1	22 Mrs. Gorden Young 1
5 Mrs. Barrow	2	23 Mrs. Baxendale 2
6 Miss Barrow	1	24 Mrs. Warren 1
7 Mrs. Guarracino	1	25 Miss Seligman 1
8 Mrs. Dorothy Keen	1	26 Mrs. Russell 1
9 Mrs. Walker	1	27 Mrs. Snelgrove 1
10 Miss Alice Russell	2	28 Mrs. Beaman 9
11 Mrs. Hubert Isacke	2	29 Lady Harris 1
12 Mrs. Lloyd Jones	1	30 Mrs. Hitchcock 1
13 Mrs. Wolsley	1	31 The Mayor of Maidstone 33
14 Mrs. Parrot	1	32 Folkestone (through Mrs.
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17 Mrs. Nelson	2	141
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There are 173 West Kent Prisoners of War, and Mr. Spoor looks after the remainder. Meat and other food "in tins" is no longer allowed, as the Germans are using the tins for making ammunition, etc.

All the Sergeants who are Prisoners of War, viz., Sergt. H. Chapman,

Sergt. W. T. Fermor, Lance-Sergt. A. Field, Sergt. E. Reeves, C. S. M. Hutchings, Sergt. E. Turner, and Sergt. H. Sewell, have each received a present of 4lbs. of tobacco and 1,000 eigarettes sent by the Sergeants now at the Depot. Lieut.-Colonel Dalison has received the following letter from Mr. Spoor which is interesting, and fills one with pride in our men :-

> REDE COURT, NEAR ROCHESTER. 19th July, 1915.

DEAR COLONEL DALISON,

The following notes on the N.C.O.'s and men of the R.W.K. in the Prison Camp at Quidlingburg am Harz may be of interest for your "Gazette." The date is end of June, and the information is from an exchanged R.A.M.C. officer given to me personally.

6535 Private J W. Cole, sentenced on 21st January, 1915, to three

years' imprisonment for striking a German in the camp. There was no evidence to warrant the charge, but Cole had to sign the record as correct. He has disappeared and I cannot so far trace him. The worst is feared, but the matter will be probed thoroughly as to what has become of him.

7789 Private G. Harrison, physically broken down and in hospital with phithsis.

7607 Private G. W. Stewart, same remark applies. 5630 Private C. Warner ("Little Titch," being very short) is all right and never loses his good spirits and cheerfulness. Rather a puzzle to the Germans.

10017 Private T. Jackson, shot in the neck and jaw, but wounds healed an leetting on all right.

10031 Private R. Baker, wounded but recovered and drafted out to work. Is only about 19.

10046 Private A. Thompson, wounded but recovered.

Private J. Taylor, wounded and drafted out to work.

-Private F. Packer, wounded in knee, but now fit, although he has convinced the Germans he is unable to work, and so has an easy

9770 C. Donald, wounded in the leg now fit.

6714 Sergeant F. Blakley, took off his stripes as N.C.O.'s are "marked" men Wounded in the ear. Has left this Camp.

Sergeant T. Greenhalgh, is so very handy with his fists that the Germans have been glad to send him out from this Camp.

Sergeant E. Turner, wounded in the chest, now left for another Camp, Hamelu, where he is at work.

It seems to me the men of the Royal West Kent are only captured after fighting it out, and when they are knocked out. The enemy has not succeeded in "breaking their hearts" as the men put it, and they are all cheerful now that they are getting the food and smokes we send them. The punishment for minor offences are :-

1st-Hands tied and lashed for two hours to a post.

2nd-Thrashed with India rubber truncheons.

3rd-Cells on bread and water (or what they call bread).

Their diet is-

Morning-Black "coffee" (made of burned acorns or barley) and no coffee in it.

Dinner-Bowl of soup made of vegetables "flavoured" with the scent of meat or fish.

Supper-Bowl of water from boiled rice, flour or beans. Sometimes say every third day a raw herring preserved in brine, which cannot be cooked. Our men cannot manage it although they have made strenuous attempts by hanging in the sun and otherwise to kipper or cure it.

Bread-250 grammes or say 5½ozs. per day. Bread is made of rye, sawdust and potatoes, and is of the nature of India rubber when fresh and half bricks when stale.

When at work- They get the promise of 1/6 a week, but are never paid, neither in money or goods. They often work from 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. without any grub at all, and return often to camp after their day's work singing "Tipperary"! These notes may be of interest in the "Gazette."

Yours truly,

J. L. SPOOR.

Mr. Spoor has kindly sent us copies of letters or postcards that he has received, among others, from some of the men who are Prisoners of War in Germany.

Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Dalison has also received a letter from Company Sergt.-Major Hutchings.

From 8,024 Company Sergeant-Major Alfred Hutchings, Rayal West Kent Regiment, British Prisoner of War, 24a Barrack, Camp No. 11,070, Friedricksfell Camp, near Wesel, Germany, 1st July, 1915:

To Mr. J. L. Spoor, Rede Court, Rochester, Kent, England.

Dear Sir,—Many thanks for your letter received on the 22nd June. We have received the box of pipes on the 16th June, two boxes of groceries and two boxes of bread on the 24th, and the tobacco and cigargroceries and two boxes of bread on the 24th, and the tobacco and cigarettes this morning, everything arrived safely and in good condition. Have also received two parcels from Mrs. J. J. Barrow. Myself and comrades, numbering 17 in all at present, wish to thank the Right Honourable Lord Harris, His Worship the Mayor of Gillingham, Mrs. J. J. Barrow and all friends for their kindness. We all fully appreciate the contents of the packages just received and are enjoying them very much. The bread was very good after cutting away the outside, and a piece of white bread is a nice change.

I have told all to write you a postcard or letter as soon as possible. We are each allowed to send one postcard a week and two letters a

We are each allowed to send one postcard a week and two letters a month, so you will in time hear from us all. I will write to Mrs. Garrow and the Mayor of Gillingham to acknowledge receipt of their parcels and thank them for their kindness.

Articles of underclothing have been issued to us here, and am now seeing what can be done in the way of boots. Your postcard with reference to clothing has been explained to all. We are given wooden clogs to wear when our boots get beyond repair.

We are having some nice weather now and a much happier time than through the miserable months of winter, and all in good health except Sergeant Corbett, Yorkshire Light Infantry, in hospital with bronchitis, but is progressing favourably.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed), A. HUTCHINGS.

COPY OF POSTCARD RECEIVED JULY 11th.

9563 Private J. W. Newland, 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, Block 7-8th, Gefangen Lager, Doeberitz, Deutschland, June 27th, 1915.

Dear Sir,—I am now writing to you to thank you on behalf of myself and a comrade, 8030 Private W. Carden, of same regiment and address as myself for two parcels which we got on 26th June, 1915, from Mayor of Chatham. They contained the things which were most needed, sir. I hope you will not think us greedy, but we should like a pair of boots, myself size 6, and Carden 9.4's. We wrote to the Depot, and the instructions they sent us, I am sorry to say, we are unable to follow. Thanking you again 1 am yours at a ing you again,-I am, yours, etc.,

(Signed), J. W. NEWLAND.

COPY OF POSTCARD RECEIVED JULY 18th, 1915.

Dear Sir,—I am writing to let you know that since last card I have changed my address, and also thanking you for the share which I got from the parcel-which you sent. I am also pleased to say that I am in the best of health. Well, sir, my clothes are getting worn out, so I would thank you very much if you could get me a suit of khaki. I am 5ft. 11ins. high and 38ins. round the chest.—I am, sir, yours faithfully, (Signed), F. COVENEY.

COPY OF POSTCARD, JULY 15th.
To Mr. J. L. Spoor, Rede Court, Rochester, Kent, England.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to you thanking you very much indeed for the parcel you sent me, which I received on the 3rd May, and I can assure you that I was in need of it, for it was the first parcel I had since I have been a prisoner, and when I got it my comrades gave me a good clap to think that I got a parcel.

(Signed), Private J. PRYER, No. 10059, 1st Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Gefangnen Lager, Doeberitz, Deutschland,

27th June, 1915.

WHERE THE BATTALIONS ARE:

1st Batt., British Expeditionary Force.

2nd Batt., Indian Expeditionary Force D.

3rd Batt., Fort Darland, Chatham. 1/4th Batt., Jubbulpore, India.

2/4th Batt., Mediterranean, Expeditionary Force. 3/4th Batt., Sevenoaks.

1/5th Batt., Jhansi, India.
2/5th Batt., Sevenoaks.
3'5th Batt., British Fxpeditionary Force.
7th Batt., British Expeditionary Force.

8th Batt., Blackdown. 8th Batt., Colchester.

10th Batt., Maidstone. 11th Batt., Lewisham.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

The London Gazette for July 1st contains descriptions of the "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty which have earned the D.C.M." and in-

No. 7,501 ACTING SERGEANT W. MARKHAM.

For conspicuous gallantry on April 18th, 1915, on Hill 60, when, after his Platoon Commander had been killed, he took command, and acted with great coolness and resource.

No. 7,261 ACTING SERGEANT D. WRIGHT.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions, notably on October 25th, 1914, at Neuve Chapelle, when he volunteered to carry out a dangerous reconnaissance of a trench dug by

teered to carry out a dangerous reconnaissance of a trench dug by
the enemy. Finding it unoccupied, he took forward a covering party
while the trench was being filled in.
No. 241 LANCE-SERGEANT J. YOUNG.
For conspicuous gallantry on April 17th, 1915, when he picked up a
German hand grenade which had fallen among his men and threw
it back at the Germans. The grenade exploded almost immediately
after it had left his hand. Throughout the action Sorgeont Very after it had left his hand. Throughout the action Sergeant Young

behaved with great gallantry.
No. 7,847 ACTING SERGEANT E. DERRINGTON.

For conspicuous devotion to duty on March 26th, 1915, when he went with Private Bunsell to a portion of the trench which had been blown in by shell fire, and together they dug out a Lance-Corporal who had been buried. He worked for over an hour lying on his stomach, within 30 yards of the enemy, until the Lance-corporal had been rescued.

No. 8,438 PRIVATE E. BUNSELL.

For conspicuous devotion to duty on March 26th, 1915, when he went out with a Sergeant to a portion of the trench which had been blown in by shell fire, and assisted him in digging out a Lance-corporal who had been buried. He worked for over an hour, lying on his stomach, within 30 yards of the enemy, until the Lance-corporal had been rescued.

1st CANTERBURY REGIMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

We are indebted to Lieut.-Colonel J. Gethin Hughes, New Zealand Staff Corps, Commanding Canterbury Battalion for the following interesting news of our affiliated Battalion. We trust that we shall receive a few lines every month. Unfortunately this intelligence was received too late for our July issue. It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Lieut .-Colonel J. Mc B. Stewart.

GALLIPOLI,

23rd June, 1915.
The May number of "The Queen's Own Gazette," with the account of the gallant work of our parent Battalion in France, and particularly on Hill 60, has reached us here and filled us with admiration. We trust such a lead will be an incentive to the foster-child from far New Zealand to try and do like-

As requested in the above issue I send you a few particulars of the doings of the Canterbury Battalion (N.Z. Infantry Brigade) of which the 1st Canterbury Regiment furnishes one of the four Companies, the 1st Canterbury Com-

The Brigade landed near Gaba Tepe on the 25th April, and assisted in securing and holding the present positions until the 4th and 5th May, when the Brigade was shipped to Cape Helles, and then on the 7th and 8th had the honour of taking part in a combined attack on Krithia. On the 21st the Brigade was re-called to Gaba Tepe, which was being heavily attacked, and has since been garrisoning the trenches there. The casualties have been fairly heavy, and I regret to say include three Commanding Officers. Lieut.-Colonel J. Mc B. Stewart was killed while leading his men on the day of landing (he was 2nd in Command of the 1st Canterbury Regiment in New Zealand), two of his successors have been wounded. Several officers and other ranks have been mentioned for gallantry. The King has been graciously pleased to award the D.S.O. to the Adjutant (Captain A. C. Critchley-Salmonson, Munster Fusiliers), and two D.C.M.'s. Our reinforcements began to join us within the first two weeks from Egypt, and quite recently 250 arrived from New Zealand for the Battalion which is now nearly up to strength, and I trust fairly ready for anything that may come along.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding Depot acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following Subscriptions and Donations :-

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Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B	I	0	0	
LieutColonel W. E. Rowe	I	0	0	
Captain H. L. C. Moody	I	0	0	
Captain L. H. Hickson	I	0	0	
Captain W. Newton	0	10	0	
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3rd Battalion Proceeds of Football Matches (donations)	7	6	8	
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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. PAID LAST MONTH.

Mrs. Isacke, May, 1916. Colonel Maunsell. March, 1919. 10th Royal West Kent, June, 1915. Private W. Murphy, June, 1915. 1/4th Royal West Kent, May, 1915. Major Sir H. B. Cohen, Bart., March, 1918. P.R.I., 1/4th R W.K., Sept., 1915. Captain Knox, Dec., 1915. Co.-Q.-M.-S. L. Cozens, July, 1916. Mrs. Doust, Dec., 1915. 8th Royal West Kent, June, 1915.

Captain Tugwell, Dec., 1915. 7th Royal West Kent, June, 1915. Miss Richards, Dec., 1915. Captain B. Robb, Dec., 1915. Captain Cook, Sept., 1916. Mrs. Snelgrove, July, 1916. Lieut. Pottinger, R.A.M.C., March, 1916. Private A. T. Cole, Dec., 1915. Co.-S.-M. H. Wood, March, 1916. Miss Eldred, Dec., 1916.

9th Royal West Kent, May, 1915.

MEMORIES : : :

From the Diary of PAUL OSCAR HEILMANN, 106th Regiment, of Muhlen Leipsig. Taken prisoner by the British, April 16th, 1915.

October 25th.—Remained till mid-day, entrained at 12.30 for Lille and arrived at 7, travelled in a mail train. Train started again at midnight, and going by Mons arrived in Brussels at 7 a.m. From here we went on to Aix-la-Chappelle by Lowen, Landen, and Luttich (5.30), arriving at 11 p.m.

October 28th.—Started again 1.15 a.m., and went by Munchen Gladbach, Dusseldorf, where we crossed the Rhine at 6 a.m., and was taken to the military hospital on the Remained in the Rheinlust Hospital, Dusseldorf,

till November 6th.

November 6th.—Left Dusseldorf at 9.30, got to Schwerte 11.30, left again 3.30 for Leipsig through Cassel. Arrived at midnight and was put in Reserve Hospital 2, over the Polytechnic School in the Nord-platz.

December 4th.—Left the hospital for the reserve batt.,

106th Regt., 9th Company.

December 14th.—On leave once more.

December 17th.—Once more appointed to the 1st Company of the reserve Battalion.

December 29th.—Started at 4 p.m. to march across country as reserve to the 105th Regiment.

December 31st.—Arrived at 3 p.m. at Wervik in Belgium, north of Lille on the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Jan. 1st, 1915.—Paraded on the market place in Wervik, where we were divided up.

Jan. 2nd.—Again paraded and again divided up behind Wervik at the cross road of Ten-Briel and Warneton.

Jan. 3rd.—Started out to entrench at Ten Briel.

Jan. 4th.—Started out at 6 a.m. to build reserve trench at Landvoorde, an hour's distance from Hill 60. entire work we did was destroyed).

Jan 5th.-Started at 9 a.m. to march to Menin and

arrived at 11.

Jan 6th.—8 a.m. a false alarm, which lasted an hour. Back to quarters, 500 men in one dancing saloon. Appointed in the afternoon to the 3rd Company.

Jan 7th.—Marched out at 9.30 for parade before the General commanding 15th H.K., and Prince Albrecht of

Wurtenburg. Roll call in the afternoon.

Jan. 8th.—8.30 marched out for drill till 11. Roll call

in the afternoon.

Jan. 9th.-Work as previous day and roll call.

Jan. 10th.-Work again as before, received first pay in the afternoon.

Jan. 11th.—Went to Wervik to have baths and received pay. From the 8th till 12th we were in a restaurant in Menin and actually had beds.

Jan. 12th.-Marched out to Ten Briel.

Jan. 13th.—From 8 to 1 did trench work at Zandvoorde.

Jan. 14th.—On duty.

Jan. 15th.—On duty as yesterday.

Jan. 16th.-1 a.m. marched out to Hill 60 to occupy the trenches, which were exactly opposite Ypres, which was all in ruins with a lake in front of it.

Jan. 17th.—In the trenches.

Jan. 18th.-2 a.m. set free and back to Ten Briel.

Jan. 19th.—Quiet day in Ten Briel.

Jan 20th.—At 4 p.m. marched out as reserves to the railway embankment at Hollebeck.

Jan 24th.—Back again to Ten Briel. Open-air service in the morning. In the afternoon roll call for pay and inspection of rifles.

Jan. 25th.-Rest in Ten Briel.

Jan. 26th.-Marched out at 1 a.m. to the reserve billets.

Jan. 27th.-Still there.

Jan. 28th.-Marched out at 2 a.m. to the trenches within twenty minutes of the enemy's position.

Jan. 29th.-In the same position.

Jan. 30th.—Set free at 3 a.m. and back to Ten Briel for rest.

Jan. 31st.—Still in Ten Briel.

Feb. 1st.-1 a.m. marched out to the reserve trenches. Feb. 3rd.—Out of the reserve trenches into the flring

Feb. 4th.—Trenches are opposite the English, who have changed places with the French.

Feb. 5th.—Set free and back to Ten Briel. Feb. 6th.—Rest in Ten Briel.

Feb. 7th.—Trench work at the cross roads of Ten Briel and Wervik.

Feb. 8th.—Same as yesterday. Feb. 9th.—At 1 a.m. in position again on Hill 60.

Feb. 10th.—Set free at 3 a.m. and went to Menin for rest. 8 p.m. false alarm.

Feb. 11th.—Two hours' drill in the morning; afternoon roll call and pay.

Feb. 12th.—On duty in the morning and roll call after-

Feb. 13th.—Two hours' drill.

Feb. 14th.—One hours' duty in the morning.

Feb. 15th.—Alarms all day long. We were on the alert. Feb. 16th.-Alarm, had to stand in readiness, parade and a slow march in the afternoon.

Feb. 17th.—Marched from Menin to Ten Briel and were

quartered in the barracks.

Feb. 18th.—Roll call in the afternoon. marched out to the reserve billets on the railway embank-

Feb. 19th and 20th.—In reserve.

Feb. 21st and 22nd.—In position on Hill 60.

Feb. 23rd.—Set free at 3 a.m. and back to Ten Briel. Roll call and pay in the afternoon.

Feb. 24th.-Roll call and bath.

Feb. 25th.-Marched out to the reserve again.

Feb. 26th.—Still in reserve. Had duty to do in the evening.

Feb. 27th.-2 a.m. into the firing line. Feb. 28th.—In the same position.

March 1st.—Set free 2 a.m., and back to Ten Briel. Roll call in the morning and duty in the afternoon.

March 2nd.—Went to Wervik in the morning to the shooting range, and in the afternoon roll call and pay.

March 3rd.-Marched out at 2 a.m. to the reserve trenches. Duty in the morning at Castle Champs. Seven to midnight trench work on Hill 60, mining towards the enemy's position towards the houses of Zwartleben.

March 4th.-4 a.m., in readiness on Hill 60, because the enemy were expected to attack. 8 a.m., back in reserve. In the afternoon transport from Hollebek to reserve.

March 5th.—3 a.m., marched out to the firing line and remained till 9, mining towards the railway line. In the afternoon outpost duty. From 7 till 1 a.m. continued min-

March 6th.—Four hours' outpost duty on the sand bag barricades on the line to Ypres.

March 7th.—Set free 1 a.m., and back to Ten 'Briel.' Service in the church in the morning.

March 8th.—Two hours' drill in the morning. Rest in the

March 9th.—Drill in the morning and roll call in the afternoon.

March 10th.—Two hours' trench work in the morning. Pay and roll call in the afternoon.

March 11th.—1 a.m., marched out to the firing line. Still there at 5.30 p.m. On 12th broke through the enemy's position.

March 13th.—Set free and back to Wervik.

March 14th.—Service in church in morning. Marched out at midnight to reserve.

March 15th and 16th.—On reserve and duty.

March 17th.—2 a.m., out to the firing line to the railway line to Ypres.

March 18th.—Same position.

March 19th.—Set free 2 a.m. Back to Wervik in an awful snowstorm. Two hours' drill in the afternoon.

March 20th.—Shooting in the range in the morning. Aeroplane brought down. Pay in the afternoon.

March 21st.—Once more a quiet Sunday.

March 22nd.—Bath and roll call.

March 23rd.-4 a.m., alarm and marched out to a general attack on the whole line. Left here for Ten Briel and from there back again to reserve.

March 24th.—In reserve.

March 25th.—2 a.m., in the firing line.
March 26th.—Still in the firing line.
March 27th.—Set free 3 a.m. and back to Wervik. Roll call in the afternoon.

March 28th.—To Zandvoorde for trench work.

March 29th.-4 a.m., marched to Ten Briel. Roll call in the afternoon.

March 30th.-3 a.m. stood ready, prepared for alarm all

March 31st.-Marched out 4 p.m. to set the reserves free.

April 1st.-In reserve and trench work.

April 2nd.—2 a.m., in firing line.

April 3rd.--In same position.

April 4th.-Set free 2 a.m. and back to Ten Briel.

April 5th .- Drilling in the morning.

April 6th.—Trench work in Zandvoorde. Drilling afternoon.

April 7th.—Drill in morning.

April 8th.-Marched out early to reserve.

April 9th and 10th.-Still in reserve and doing trench work.

April 10th and 11th.—In firing line.

April 12th.—Set free 2 a.m. and back to Ten Briel.

April 13th.-Marched out at 7 a.m. to Kortewilde.

April 14th.-Marched at 6 a.m. to Wervik, and from there by train to Menin, where we paraded before the King of Wurtenburg.

April 15th.—Free of all duty.

A Month at the Dardanelles.

The following extract from a letter from Captain R. G. C. Brock may interest our readers. The Sirdar arranged with the G.O.C. Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in the Dardanelles that a certain number of the officers serving with the Egyptian Army should be attached to that Force for a period of one month in rotation, and Captain Brock was one of those selected, arriving there on June 22nd. He

writes on the 23rd :--I arrived at Lemnos on the 19th and left yesterday, arriving off the Gallipoli Peninsula about midnight, but stayed on a mine sweeper till 6 a.m., and tried to get some sleep. Went ashore, and was first told that I was to take over Staff Captain at the Advanced Base at the place we landed from Cobden, 9th Lancers, attached Egyptian Army. having started to take over, it was cancelled, and I was told to sit tight. Later, about 2 p.m., I was ordered to report myself to G.O.C. 29th Div. as Temporary Staff Captain 88th Brigade. I had to walk for about three-quarters of an hour along the sea shore on a very indifferent and dusty road, crowded with men and horses resting—masses of flies, and very smelly. I reported myself to the 29th Division, and was taken to 88th Brigade, where I found I was to take over from Boyle, Seaforths, also of the Egyptian Army. Brigade is temporarily commanded by Colonel Cayley, of the Worcesters, and consists of 1st Essex, 2nd Hants, 4th Worcesters, and 1/5th Royal Scots T.F. My job is virtually

to take everything off the hands of the Brigade Major, Farmar, Lancashire Fusiliers, that is not tactical, such as supply of ammunition, equipment, clothing, tools, bombs, The Brigade is at the moment in reserve, grenades, etc. but goes up to the trenches early to-morrow morning. We do about six days up, and four days behind. The trenches, I am told, are from 21 to 3 miles in front. The whole thing is, of course, very restricted, and when you go back to rest you are on the sea shore. The Advanced Base is more like a reserve trench. Just where we landed we could see the remains of the "Majestic" sticking up out of the water, quite close to the beach. Beach, however, is a misnomer, as the sea, except where the coast curves inwards a little, washes a sort of a road along the base of the cliff, which in most places is sheer, but now honeycombed with dug-outs, as the Turks sometimes shell the water's edge. The Advanced Base, which is quite a big camp, is shelled nearly every day, but I escaped an exhibition the short time I was there.

Some of the officers of the Egyptian Army have already returned to Egypt, so it looks as if the month may really be only one month.

Looking at the places, the landing must have been an absolute marvel; very nearly a sheer cliff down to the water's edge or, at least, a very steep ascent. The water was full of barbed wire.

We also give some extracts from his diary :-

June 24th.—Left the beach, and went up to Brigade Headquarters, at this time occupied by the X Brigade, whom we were relieving. Stayed with them till they left. As they came out of the communication trench, which ends close to Brigade Headquarters, they were shelled, but no one was touched. I then went all round the trenches with Boyle, first up a long communication trench to the support trenches, in which were two Battalions, and then up to the fire trenches about 200 yards in advance. The whole thing is like a maze, and took us all told nearly five hours. The stench in some places was awful, and the flies everywhere in millions. The communication trench is not yet finished, and in places was useless, though very few bullets about, and those that were appeared to be ricochets. The support trenches are good, but the fire trenches bad in places, hardly any parapet at all, and bullets were coming in and hitting the rear wall of the trench. The sun was very hot, but a cool breeze, though they cannot feel it in these narrow zig-I was told the trenches were sweet to what zag trenches. they used to be, but the stench from the corpses of Turks built into the parapets was horrible, and I could only keep going by continuous pipes, in some places the bodies were Of course, the Brigade we relieved ought to have buried them—one was found later to be a German officer. There is very little going on at present, intermittent rifle fire, but virtually no gun fire. I imagined that on active service there was very little correspondence, but we get heaps of telegrams and there are many daily returns to be made out, most of which I have to deal with. The food, bully beef, bacon and tea is very good, but one longs for vegetables and The sun is hot enough to make one glad of a helmet, but the nights beautifully cold. There are a certain number of snipers behind our lines.

June 25th.—Up to the second line trenches in the morning with ammunition. Rest of the day at Brigade Headquarters. In the afternoon we had some black Marias, or coal boxes, or whatever they are, near enough to bespatter headquarters. Apparently the Turks were trying to get at some of our Howitzers near us. These black Marias are unpleasant, one can hear them coming, and I have not enough experience to know which way! The country here is not unlike Aldershot to look at, undulating ground, leading up to Achi Baba Hill, covered with grass and heather, and odd stunted trees here and there, with some nullahs, most of which have now

been made into communication trenches.

June 27.—Moved up to new Brigade Headquarters after breakfast, very busy all day preparing for an attack by another Brigade to-morrow. They came up through us this afternoon but were late taking up their position, as they were shelled coming across the open ground in rear.

June 28.—An appalling noise going on from preliminary bombardment. At 10.30 a.m., just before it finished, I was sent up to observe and report how the show went, and was told not to go into the Fire Trenches, but could see from nowhere else. We were heavily shelled, one shell bursting in parapet in front of me—was rather dazed for a bit—stayed there till 5 p.m., then back to Brigade Headquarters; out again at 8 p.m. and returned at 4 a.m.

June 29.—Busy all day consolidating trenches, evacuating

wounded, etc.

June 30.—Spent most of the day looking for two French Mortars that were lost on their way to us last night. The wounded were coming down all day, over 24 hours after they had been hit. The G.O.C. Division came round.

July 1.—Clearing trenches of rifles, equipment, etc., and burying dead. The evacuation of the wounded down long communication trenches is very difficult. The stench from the unburied is horrible, and the Turks make a practice of burying their dead in the wall of the trench. It is impossible to get at the wounded except at night. The flies are awful, and prevent any sleep by day.

July 2.—We all have respirators, but so far no sign of gas. Snipers are plentiful, and in the maze of old trenches behind, it is difficult to locate them. I hear Hearnden from 9th Battalion has joined one of the Battalions of this Brigade, but

I have not been able to see him.

July 5.—We are now in reserve, having come down to the beach from the front during the night of the 3rd. It is to a certain extent a rest, but we are generally shelled morning and evening. The great thing is that we are pretty well assured of a night's rest, though the flies wake one at daylight. The prevailing ailment here is sand-colic, nearly everyone has it, caused by the water which is full of sand, in whatever form it is drunk.

July 6.—Who would turn up to-day but Wilberforce, he is Staff Captain of the Royal Naval Division, and a Temporary Major. The Turks got a bad hammering in the attack they

made yesterday.

July 8.—Here we are up in front again, but in a different place. On the night of the 6th I was up most of the night guiding in a New Brigade just arrived. Where we are now is where the Turks got the hottest doing in the last attack, and they are lying in front of our trenches six and eight deep in serried rows, a wonderful sight, though unpleasant. The situation here is very funny, half a trench is occupied by us, and the other half by the Turks. You then go up a communication trench, and you find another trench held in the same way. Many barricades and continual bomb-throwing over them. One of the E. A. officers who came here with me was killed on his fourth day—put his head over parapet with the usual result. It ought to be made a crime to look over the parapet, though everyone does it!! The Turks are excellent shots.

July 10.—This trench warfare is very dull, and until you look at the states and returns, you don't realize what it costs. Every day a few casualties, and nothing to show for it. There is an assault coming off in another part of the line, at the same spot where we were before, when I did observing officer at the last assault.

July 11.—An officer attached to Egyptian Army, who arrived a day or two ago, told me no E. A. officer would be allowed to stay more than two months, and that probably no others

would be sent here.

July 12.—Up early this morning to try and see something of the show on our right. We are now on the extreme left. I could not see much, but the High Explosive is a fine sight, and we seemed to get as good as we gave. The French have been at it all day, and we have started again now, 5 p.m. The din is awful, and is being added to by one of our battleships. An officer, who has lately come out here from Flanders, says he had never seen German dead lying as thick as the Turks are at present in front of us. It is getting hotter every day, and all I wear is a shirt and a pair of shorts.

July 13—The Turks are stout fellows, and wonderful diggers. We hold a very tricky bit of line, trenches about 20 yards apart, facing every way, continual sapping going on, and every morning you find the Turks have dug a new trench. In some places we hold one end of a trench and the Turks the other. There is a lot of sniping, and many lives are lost through

recklessness, i.e., men putting their heads over the parapet for no reason. Yesterday an officer who had just come out from home, and who was in temporary command of a Battalion had just finished handing over his portion of the line and was on his way back to the beach, when in passing a spot he knew was dangerous, and told the Commanding Officer of the other Battalion to duck his head, he was shot in the head himself.

There is a deep twisty nullah running through our line, a sniper got on to it, and in one day bagged 16, mostly men who would not bother to run 20 yards. You should have seen me leg it the two or three times I passed the spot. At night we put up a screen and so foiled him, but by the afternoon he got on to another weak spot. I was walking up to it, when some men were going up, no one being aware of the new danger, when a man was hit just in front of me, and it was all I could do to get the rest to run past the spot.

I hear Hildyard is here, but I have not yet seen him.

CAPTAIN G. D. LISTER AND LIEUTENANT A. A. E. CHITTY.

These officers have now been transferred to other Camps, and their addresses are as follows:

Captain G. D. Lister, 1st Batt, Royal West Kent Regiment, British Prisoner of War,

Offiziergefangenen Lager,

at Mainz, Germany,

c/o G.P.O. Mount Pleasant, London.

> Lieutenant A. A. E. Chitty, 1st Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment, British Prisoner of War, Kriegsgefangenen Lager, at Bischofswerda,

Sachsen, Germany.

c/o G.P.O., Mount Pleasant,

London. Both these officers would be glad to hear from any of their friends.

News from the Battalions.

1st BATTALION.

Two very interesting relics have come into the possession of the 1st Battalion in the shape of two cannon balls. The larger one, which weighs 25lbs. 5ozs., and is 18 inches in circumference, was dug up by D Company while constructing a communication trench on June 18th at

St. Eloi, 21 miles south of Ypres.

The smaller one, which weighs 3lbs. 3oz., and is 9 inches in circumference, was dug up by the same Company when completing the same

trench on July 3rd.

Professor C. W. C. Oman, who was consulted as to the origin of these balls, by an Officer of the Regiment, kindly sends the following

interesting letter:—
"The cannon balls are, no coubt, relics of one of the numerous sieges of Ypres, which has had more than its share of the woes of war-the last siege was in 1794, when the French took it from the Austrians in a few days, having had a big covering force out at Paschendaal, etc. They are rather more likely to belong to this siege than to earlier ones, because St. Eloi is so far from Ypres that in the 16th or 17th centuries the besiegers' lines would have been much closer in, and their camps

the besiegers' lines would have been much closer in, and their camps too—the range of guns being ridiculously short before the 18th century. The earlier sieges were one by the Spaniards, under the Duke of Parma in 1584, when the place was knocked about (though not so badly as in this year of grace!) and four by the French in the reign of Louis XIV.—1648, 1649, 1658, 1678. The place counted as a fortfied town right down to 1855, when the ramparts were dismantled, and sometimes made a good defence. But by 1794, the last siege, it was considered to be a bit antiquated, and doubtfully defensible, though the Austrians tried to hold it. tried to hold it.

"I should imagine that the balls may have been lost in the French siege park of 1794, rather than shot by the besieged at the besiegers, for I doubt if even 18th century guns, much less 17th century ones, would have carried to St. Eloi, or anywhere near it. I have a plan of this siege—the seven French batteries were on the south-west, south, and south-east sides of the town, from the Lille Road to the Elverdinge Road, centre on the Flamerdinge Road. They were about 1,600 yards from the ramparts, so St. Eloi would have been far to their rear. Probably, therefore, the balls were lost from a convoy, or dropped in the mud by the artillery park. The larger, from its weight, is obviously a siege gun's provender, and not a field gun's."

Our Commanding Officer has been granted three weeks' sick leave, not before it was wanted, and our congratulations go to him on his promotion, and to Capt. Moulton Barrett on receiving the Military Cross; and to those officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have received the D.C.M. or who have been mentioned in despatches. We know the deeds they have done, and in some cases we doubt if the full award has been given, but we must rest contented that the authorities know beet best.

Captain Dunlop is now with us again. We are also pleased to hear that our other invalids are progressing so favourably.

A word of praise is also due to our indefatigable Parson. It will be

somewhat of a relief to those people who have lost relatives, etc., know that they have had a real Christian burial, in as pretty a little graveyard as one could find in England. The graves are well tended and flowers planted, and we hope that those who visit this district after the war to see the burial places of the heroes of Britain will find them as they are now. Credit for this is due to the stretcher bearers, who ably assisted by the pioneer staff, have worked wonders.

Leave has again been given, and a good many non-commissioned officers and men have been granted the privilege, which all are eager to have after a long spell of service in this country. They come back very refreshed and full of buck that our old country is at last waking up.

The sun was shining gloriously when a visit was paid by the Colonel,

the Quartermaster and the Sergeant-Major to our comrades of the 6th.

What a change it was from our present environments;; they found the 6th Battalion situated in a stretch of country very much like our own county of Kent, with the fruit trees laden with fruit. They had marched that day some miles with a full kit, and one was glad to see the splendid condition they were in at the end of so long a march and

whe spiendid condition they were in at the end of so long a march and on a tropical day, for we get sun as well as wet in these climes.

What a pleasure it was to see the old faces. Colonel Venables, Majors Beeching and Parker, Captains Stratford, Dawson and Alderman, and the Quartermaster; good old Boss Allen, the ever-cheery Sergeant-Major, and the Murphys, Wise, etc. It brought memories back of our old Comrades' Association. Here were they, setting forth for their initial service in the trenches. full of home and with a yound intention to service in the trenches, full of hope, and with a vowed intention to emulate the 1st Battalion, or to go one better.

One can't realise what our own Commanding Officer must have thought. Here was a Battalion he had formed and put through the first

part of training, and now he saw the finished article here, of their own free will, to do justice to the cause of freedom. Well, we only wish them a rattling time, remembering the old motto of the Regiment. We of the First will follow their doings minutely, and feel sure that the glory of the 'Queen's Own' is in the best of keeping.

The following was written by a private in the K.O.Y.L.I. We have to apologise to 'John Bull' for borrowing:

"The Germhun Jack Johnsons, their mortars as well,
Have all tried to shift us, helt, skelt and pell mell, But we've proved to the Germhuns that true British sons No matter what's coming, can stick to their guns. So roll up in thousands, you boys o'er the foam, Your country it needs you so why stick at home, For when it's all over and history is made You'll be proud you belonged to the 13th Brigade."

2nd BATTALION.

Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley writes under date June 20th:

"We have received some of the comforts sent, and hope to find the remainder at Busrah; we much appreciate all that has been done for us. "We have just arrived at Amara, having marched from Ahwaz, having "We have just arrived at Amara, having marched from Ahwaz, having had a fairly hard time of it these last seven weeks, with the thermometer from 100 to 120 degrees, sometimes without shade of any sort all day. Quite a moderate proportion of our men have gone sick, and curiously enough very few heat stroke cases, though there have been a very large number in the other four British Battalions, who have either been stationary or been moved in boats. What our men have suffered from is shear expansion, but they have created it was a suffered from is sheer exhaustion, but they have stuck it very well indeed. There

have been many cases of men toppling over in a dead faint, and yet managing to march in with the rear guard. Our fight at Kafajieh was really nothing. You will no doubt see the official account of the taking of Cunava by General Townshend; it was a very fine piece of bluff. 1,300 Turks surrendered to a few gun-boats, on which there were only 14 British soldiers, seven of them being our men, who were acting as Marines on board the "Comet." The Naval officer in command speaks most highly of them, and two have been mentioned in despatches. One private over-awed a whole street of armed Arabs, who were looting after the Turks had gone, by himself. Among other work they did was 24 hours at a stretch on sentry duty outside important buildings, or over prisoners of war, the lance-corporal in charge informing the Naval officer that they did not wish to be relieved.

"We move down to-day to Basra to refit, and perhaps on another ex-

3rd BATTALION.

The day we write, June 27th, is the anniversary of the commencement of the Annual Training of 1914. Few people thought then what the coming year had in store for us-the sudden move from Shorncliffe to Chatham (which came a week later), the hustle and bustle of mobiliza-tion, and all the work that has resulted from sending the drafts to the 1st Battalion and expanding this Battalion to what it now is. There are only four officers with the Battalion that have been with it all along. but most of the permanent staff and regular establishments are still with us. And so we start on another year; what will it bring forth?

During the past month we have played our first, and at present, only cricket match. It was against a team of the National Reserve, got together by Captain Walter, who has so many times played for Far-leigh against the Depot. We won the match. Captain Bonsor nearly reached the century, and 2nd Lieut. Farnell played a good innings.

On July 8th the officers went for a regimental tour south of Maidstone, and afterwards Mrs. Cornwallis very kindly entertained them all to tea at Linton Park. Two of the Companies have also been for three days continuous training in the same country. The first night was spent by one company on the banks of the River Beult, while the other bivouacked at Boughton Monchelsea, and attacked the line of the Beult during the night. After the next day's work both companies bivouacked at Aldington Court, Thurnham, and, as rain came on, it looked as if they were in for a bad night. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lushington, however, very kindly found accommodation for everyone under cover, and altogether showed the greatest hospitality.

The Band spent two days at Maidstone helping Lieut.-Colonel Wood-Martyn in a recruiting campaign for the 10th Battalion, and also paid one of their periodical visits to Gravesend on recruiting work.

The following officers joined the Battalion between June 28th and

July 27th:-

Regulars: 2nd Lieuts. E. W. Sheppard, J. S. Wacher, F. L. Bassett, and F. G. Littleboy (all sick from Expeditionary Force).

Special Reserve: Lieuts. W. R. Cobb, F. L. Short, and 2nd Lieut. S. T. L. Maunder (all from Expeditionary Force); 2nd Lieuts. M. A. Northey,

H. S. Besant, and C. C. Berger (all first appointment).

The following officers left the Battalion during the same period:

Regular: 2nd Lieut. A. F. Quinlan (to Expeditionary Force).

Special Reserve: Captain A. J. Bonsor (to Provisional Battalion), Capt.

W. H. Taylor (to Adjutant, 10th Infantry Base Depot, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force), and 2nd Lieut. J. S. Yates (to Expeditionary Force).

FIRST 4th BATTALION.

Hugh Rose Barracks, Jubbulpore,

July 7th, 1915.
The long-desired and belated monsoon has broken at last, and already the weary West Kents in this station seem to have taken a new lease of life. Although it is more than probable that we shall all be heartly sick of the rain long before the wet season is over, we are at present gratefully appreciative of the welcome fall in the temprature which the change of weather has brought in its train. The summer has undoubtedly been an abnormal one, and the heat, even for Jubbulpore, has been excessive. In addition, the fact that the monsoon is a full fortnight later than usual, has considerably aggrayated the trials and discomforts that inevitably fall to the lot of European troops in India during the hot weather. But as I write I can gaze through the wide-open doors of my room at leaden-hued weeping skies, and those of your readers who have soldiered in India-and their name, I know, must be legionwill understand me when I remark that the relief that the cool breezes that accompany the rain bring with them, following as they do, many weeks of torrid heat and blazing sunshine, must be experienced to be properly appreciated.

Taken on the whole the Battalion has stood the summer well, although it is with regret that I have to report the loss by death of four members. The first of these occurred just as I was sending off my last letter. This was Private Weedon, of "A" Company, and it may, perhaps, be remembered that I made a brief reference to the sad event. The very next day the members of the Sergeants' Mess were grieved to hear of the demise of Sergeant T. Hunter, who succumbed to enteric fever after a short illness. With fourteen years' service to his credit, he was one of the most efficient N.C.O.'s in the Battalion. Since his arrival in India he had attended a course of instruction at the School of Musketry at Pachmarhi, passing out with credit to himself and his Battalion. After his return from the School his services were utilised as an instructor in a local course of theoretical musketry arranged for the benefit of N.C.O.'s of the Kent Brigade of R.F.A., who are our neighbours in Jubbulpore. Still more recently he had been acting as Pay Sergeant of his company (during the absence of his C.Q.M.S., who has been sent to a hill station. His home is at Tunbridge Wells, and a particularly sad feature of the case is that he leaves a widow and five young children. His loss is deeply regretted by the Battalion in general, and the Sergeants' Mess in particular, of which he had been for some years a popular member.

Before another week had elapsed two more deaths had occurred, both of these being due to heat apoplexy. The first of these was Private Field, of "B" Company, a Tonbridge man, and the second, Private Dedman, of "C" Company, a young soldier belonging to Orpington. Occuring, as they did, closely following one another, these four deaths were rather a shock to all ranks, and it is a releif to be able to report that up to the time of writing we have remained free from any further losses of a similar nature. Indeed, in some respects we must consider ourselves fortunate, for we have certainly not suffered so severely as certain other Territorial units in India, amongst some of which the hand of

Death has been particularly heavy.

I alluded briefly in my last letter to the organisation of our band-a project that was then more or less in the air. It will be remembered that when we first mobilized in August last our band for the time being ceased to exist. Our Bandmaster, Mr. McGee, was hurriedly re-called to the Mobilization Stores at the Depot, and eventually we sailed to India without a band at all, our instruments and many of the instrumentalists being left with the Reserve Battalion in England. Up to about two months ago the only music we have enjoyed has been that which could be provided by the bare sixteen drummers allowed by the regulations, the Sergeant Drummer not even being permitted to claim the services of a few acting-drummers. Since then, however, a welcomchange has been made. A canvass revealed the fact that the Battalion contained quite a number of capable musicians. A splendid new set of instruments was purchased, and under the baton of Sergeant Nicholls, late of the band of the 2nd Royal Fusiliers, a very creditable combina-tion has been rapidly got together. They made their first appearance in public about a fortnight ago, when the Sergeants gave an "at home" in the gardens adjoining the Mess. They contributed a very enjoyable selection during the afternoon, and later played a good programme of dance music, which was much appreciated. The following week they provided the music for the weekly open-air dance that takes place in the public gardens, an engagement that has previously been given to the band of one of the native infantry regiments. They now play regularly at mess on guest nights, and have already been favoured with one or two engagements at private functions in the station.

The most noteworthy event during the month, however, has been the

elevation of our Sergeant-Major to commissiond rank, and his departure for the 2nd Battalion at the Persian Gulf, to which he was posted on being gazetted. As Sergeant-Major, 2nd Lieut. Mills was easily the most popular man in the Battalion, and his departure is regretted by all ranks, from the C.O. downwards. At the same time it is a source of satisfaction to all that his undoubted good qualities have been recognised by the authorities. Although he is, doubtless, well-known to many readers of the "Queen's Own Gazette," a few words regarding his career as a soldier may not, perhaps, be out of place. Born at Chelsea Barracks, he has been connected with the Army all his life. He was educated at that splendid institution the Duke of York's School, and like all other "Dukies" is very proud of the fact. Enlisting as a boy in the Scots Guards, he served with the drums of one of the Battalions of this famous regiment for about five years. He then transferred to the Queen's Own, with the 2nd Battalion of which he remained about seventeen years, serving with them throughout the South African war, and afterwards in Colombo, Singapore, Hong-Kong and India. Six years ago he was posted to the Permanent Staff of the 4th Battalion, and stationed at Tonbridge, becoming Acting Sergeant-Major about 18 months before the war broke out. As a sportsman he stood out with no little prominence. He was a footballer of more than average ability, as his long record with the 2nd Battalion will prove. Even now, in spite of his 35 years, he still plays a brilliant-game, and materially assisted the 4th to secure possession of the Garrison Cup at Jubbulpore last spring, performing splendidly at centre forward in all the matches of the competition. Cricket, hockey, tennis, and billiards are amongst the other games which he plays, and plays, too, with a skill that is quite beyond the average.

He was given a splendid send-off from Jubbulpore. Only a few days' notice of his departure were given him, and consequently all arrangements had to be made in a hurry. The members of the Sergeants' Mess gave a farewell dance in his honour on Tuesday evening, the 29th June. This was attended by a large number of friends, both amongst the civil and military population of Jubbulpore. The following evening a smoking concert was held in the Mess, which was attended by Colonel Watney and practically all the officers of the Battalion. Sergt. Major T. Johnson, his successor in the 4th Battalion, occupied the chair, and congratulatory speeches were given by the Chairman, Lieut.-Colonel Watney, and Company Sergeant-Major H. Wood. 2nd Lieut. Mills left for Bombay on Thursday afternoon, and if evidence of his popularity were needed, it was provided by the fact that almost every officer, N.C.O., and man in the Battalion was at the station to see him off. The band was present, and greeted his arrival with the strains of the Regimental March. They also played one or two lively selections while the

mental March. They also played one or two lively selections while the last farewells were being said, and as the train steamed out they again played the Regimental, followed by "Auld Lang Syne."

With regard to the training of the Battalion I have not much to record, for it will be readily understood that very little in the way of outdoor work can be accomplished during the heat of the summer. Now that the weather has become cooler we have already increased the length of our daily parades. It is probable, however, that for some time yet the heavy rains will effectually put a stop to any very extensive operations outside the area of our barracks. Nevertheless we have made a start on our 1915 Course of Musketry. "B" Company have already completed our 1915 Course of Musketry. and the range is now given over to "D." Whether they will make much progress, however, remains to be seen, for in spite of urgent orders from the Brigade Office that musketry is to be pushed on with all speed, and that we are to shoot right through the wet season, it seems more than probable that during the height of the monsoon a halt will have to be

Full advantage is being taken of the various military schools of India, and representative officers and N.C.O.'s have been sent or are being sent for courses of instruction in musketry, signalling, machine gunnery,

pack animal and mule transport, physical training, etc.
This, I think, brings me to the end of my tether, and I will therefore conclude with the hope of sending you a further instalment for next month's issue.

SECOND 4th BATTALION.

The Kent County Battalion, attached to the Welsh Division, has now been re-christened 2nd/4th Battalion, the old 2nd/4th becoming the

The Battalion consists of two Companies of the Buffs, and two Companies of the Queen's Own, which are designated as follows:
A Co., 2nd/4th Buffs, attached to 2nd/4th R.W. Kent.
B Co., 2nd/5th Buffs, attached to 2nd/4th R.W. Kent.

C Co., 2nd/4th R.W. Kent.
D Co., 2nd/4th R.W. Kent (formed from the 2nd/5th R.W. Kent).
"We are now under orders for the Mediterranean, and shall have left before this is in print. When the news came that we were to prepare for foreign service it was received with cheers by all.

"The 53rd Division, to which the Battalion belongs, was inspected by General Sir Leslie Rundle on July 9th, and on July 16th the Battalion was inspected by Colonel Lord Harris, the Vice Lieutenant of Kent, who addressed us as follows:

addressed us as Ioliows:

"I have come, as representing the County, to say good-bye to you. Being separated from your own County and your own Division, you might feel that you had been forgotten, but I can assure you this is not the case. You have a double responsibility, as you have to uphold the reputation of both the County Regiments, the Buffs, the East Kent Regiment, and the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. You may be going from home, but you will always be in our thoughts."

FIRST 5th BATTALION.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Lieutenant C. J. F. Burr at Jhansi on the 6th May. He was a most popular officer, exceptionally keen, always to the fore where there was any entertainment going on, being a ventriloquist of no mean ability. At the time of his death he was compiling an account of the doings of the 1/5th Battalion since its arrival in this country.

After settling down the Battalion commenced work in earnest with company training, after which the companies were put through the 1914-15 Annual Course of Musketry, and the result of which were considered very satisfactory, the conditions being of course very strange, the sudden change of climate, light, etc., militating somewhat against

great results.

The Battalion has taken part in a good many Brigade exercises, a great deal of attention being paid to night work. Up to a month or so back the Jhansi Brigade was commanded by Major-General G. V. Kemball, C.B., D.S.O., and on his leaving to proceed on Field Service with Expeditionary Force 'D' at the Persian Gulf he spoke very well of the Battalion, and was more than satisfied at the general standard of efficiency it had attained.

Lieutenant C. L. I. Stokes has qualified at the School of Signalling at

Meerut.

Captain J. G. Lepper, Lieut. T. D. Marshall, 2nd Lieuts. J. Fergusson and F. L. Engledow have qualified at Courses of Musketry at Pachmarhi, also Sergeants Hogan, Needham, Lee, Couchman and Hickson.

2nd Lieut. W. B. Bakewell qualified at a Course of Machine Gun Instruction held at Satara, and 2nd Lieut. J. P. Carvosso at a Course of Transport Duties at Mhow.

Sergeant-Instructor W. Gillespie (Permanent Staff) attended a Course of Instruction in Minor Repairs to Small Arms, etc., at Kirkee and obtained a certificate of proficiency.

The members of the Permanent Staff present here with the Battalion are: Acting Sergeant-Major S. G. Reeves, Sergeant Instructor F. J. Lander, Sergeant-Instructor W. Gillespie, and Sergeant-Insructor R.

Darley I am sorry to have to report the following deaths since 1st May: Lieut. C. J. F. Burr, 212 Sergt. W. Chambers, 2,161 Corpl. H. E. Johnson, 1,138 Pte. W. Brown, 2,122 Pte. H. J. Muncey, 2,280 Pte. J. Willman, 1,882 Pte. T. Couchman, 1,115 Drummer J. Bloxham, 2,378 Pte. E. Gosling

and 2,088 Pte. J. Donoghue.

The following have been invalided to England: 1,270 Pte. A. Waters,

2,303 Pte. S. E. Davis, 567 Pte. F. Penfold.

It has been a very trying season for the Battalion; it is now the to has been a very trying season for the Battarion; it is now the hottest time of the summer, and the average temperature in the shade is 114 degrees; the percentage of sick, however, is small.

The Battalion is very lucky to have attached to it a Medical Officer of exceptional ability, Captain F. B. Jefferiss, R.A.M.C., T.F., and to him in no small measure thanks are due for the general good health of all rapks.

A party of three officers and 100 other ranks are at the hill depot at Ranikhet, and will shortly be relieved by a party of similar strength. An Arts and Crafts Exhibition was organised by the Officers of the Battalion, and turned out a huge success, financially and otherwise.

Lieut. A. F. Hooper and his committee are to be congratulated on the result. The exhibition served the purpose of bringing to light some very excellent talent, especially in art, amongst the rank and file. The side shows supplied a great amount of fun, the cocoa-nut shies and the side shows supplied a great amount of fun, the cocoa-nut shies and the "Bobbing Nobby," etc., etc., reminded one very much of Blackheath on Bank Holidays. Quite a good thing was a programme given by the 'Queries,' a pierrot party, consisting of six men of the Battalion. Sergt. M. G. Smith was a great turn in cards magic.

The Short Magazine L.E. Rifle, mark iii., was issued to the Battalion two months ago. The 1915-16 Course has now commenced, and a great improvement in shooting is the result.

Of course everyone is clamouring to be at the 'War' game, and it is hoped that the 1/5th will yet have the opportunity to do something in the practical line and so qualify in a deeper sense to share the honour which is attached to serving in the same regiment as the 'Never Lost a Trench' boys. Good luck to them. Let us all hope to be yet serving side by side with them in the war zone.

Numerous open-air concerts have been given, the Companies taking it in turns to supply the talent. The Sergeants and Corporals have been running a whist drive and dance every month, all of which have

turned out a great success.

A Battalion hockey team has been discovered and have played several

matches, honours being about even.

Cricket and football have also been in full swing whenever practicable, and two very interesting cricket matches have taken place between the We have an excellent Battalion football team, and they have had

two or three hard tussels for supremacy with the 6th Brigade R.F.A.; the

latter are undoubtedly a fine side and play a good game

7,382 Sergt.-Instructor F. J. Lander has been permitted to re-engage for such term as shall complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

We have now officially adopted the Four Company Organisation; the

following are the company Commanders: "A," Captain R. Keyes; "B," Captain L. V. Neame; "C," Captain J. Harston; "D," Major A. E. Hills. Under the above organisation the Acting Sergeant-Majors of Territorial Units are placed in Class 1 Warrant Rank. Congratulations to Sergeant-Major S. G. Reeves.

SECOND 5th BATTALION.

"During the first week of July the welcome news came that at last the Battalion would move into camp, after five months of guard duty in many places—chiefly objectionable. But we set out, months ago, to be the happiest of happy Battalions, and think we have succeeded. Sunningdale during the winter there were seldom less than three inter-Company football matches on Thursday or Saturday afternoons (we were then on an 8-Company organisation), and at least two concerts per week, and our route marches were like promenade concerts for singing. During February, March and April we were spread over five stations on guard duties, and although some of them were chiefly characteristic of mud, and in all the duties were monotonous, the men kept bright and happy. It is a great source of gratification to know that the Colonel received from each station written testimony as to the way the duties had been carried out and tributes to the excellent behaviour of the men. During May and June we were all together in one station carrying out arduous guard duties, until the departure of some of our best to represent one Company and the Machine Gun Section of the Kent Composite Battalion (now 2/4th R.W.K.). Then, after drafting some 300 Home Service men to the 71st Provisional Battalion to carry on the guards, we found ourselves very much reduced in numbers.

However, a recruiting campaign was commenced with the few N.C.O.'s and men we could spare, under direction of Major Vaughan Cowell with such success that we are now full strength again, with a promising 3rd line unit behind us, growing every day. The departure of the drafts referred to unfortunately broke up our fine drums and fifes, brass band and string band, but in a month we are well on towards replacing

'We have every prospect of becoming well trained in a very short time. Our camp at Sevenoaks is in an ideal spot, we have a full establishment of officers, many of whom are fresh from courses and up to the latest ideas in musketry, physical training, bomb-throwing, etc., and a large number of our N.C.O.'s have passed well through the same courses.

"At the time of writing the greater part of the Battalion is trench-digging, while one full Company, representing the latest batch of recruits, remain in camp for training under Lieut. Brewis. The Battalion returns to camp early in August.
"Lieut. H. W. Barnard has been gazetted Adjutant, vice Captain G.

B. Pirie promoted Major, and Captain Vaughan Cowell has been pro-

9th BATTALION.

"We had fondly supposed that these few notes concerning the 9th Battalion would be written by the blue waves at Shoreham, Sussex, but the 24th of the month has arrived, and the Battalion is still going about its business at Colchester. Exactly how many more days or weeks we shall be here we know not. All that is known is that our advance party is at Shoreham, and that we are to proceed to our new home sooner or

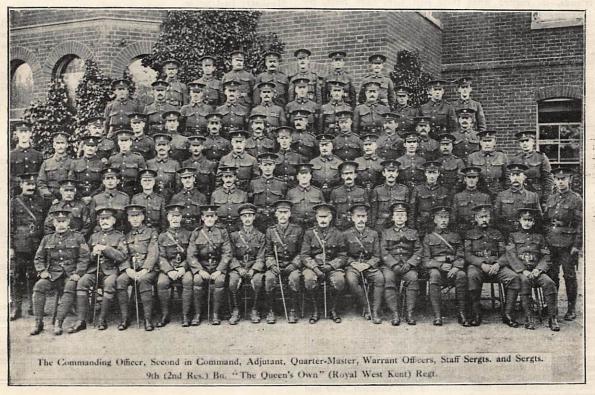
"We were ordered to proceed to Shoreham at the beginning of the month, but our move was indefinitely postponed. On July 20th we were again ordered to hold ourselves in readiness to go, and this time some people were sanguine enough to imagine that we should go on the appeople were sanguine enough to inhapite that we should go on the appointed day. Our advanced party went on the 21st, but we haven't caught them up yet. However, by the time these lines appear in print we shall be there-possibly.

"Major F. R. Bader has again taken over the command of "A" Company, and Captain H. A. Ansell has succeeded Major G. A. C. Taylor in the command of the Draft Company. Lieut. A. D. L. Wilson succeeds Captain Ansell in command of "B" Company.

Those of our officers who, when we left Chatham, were undergoing a course of training under canvas, rejoined us during the month. Most of them were immediately put on another general course and some on a Then there have been numerous other arrivals, so that musketry class. our strength of officers now approaches 200. It has been rather a squeeze in the mess.

"Our 'Drums' are getting better than ever, and we can claim that they are the best in the Garrison. A certain liveliness was apparent in their quarters on a recent afternoon. Indeed it bordered on excitement. Something was 'a doing of.' Never was such attention paid to the cleaning of kit. Two or three hours later, just after the close of a cricket match on the Square, when there were plenty of officers and men about, they put in an appearance and "Retreat" was beaten in fine style. The performance gave great satisfaction, and they have played 'Retreat' on several evenings lately. The 'Drums' are a big help on our route marches, and when we are on Church parade you should see the look of admiration on the people's faces as they go by!

"A fair amount of cricket has been played during the month. we give one score, that of an interesting and exciting match between a representative team of our Battalion and a strong side representing the 10th Bedfords. The match was played on our Barrack Square on the evenings of July 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and created quite a lot of interest amongst the officers and men. The finish was rather exciting. The



"To most of us our stay at Colchester has been, we believe, a pleasant one. After all, there is something very pleasing about the old Essex garrison town and its surroundings, and if it has nothing else to recommend it, Colchester is at least clean and healthy. We have put in some very useful work in the Barrack Square, on the Abbey Fields, and in the training areas, to which we have gone four or five times a week. Indeed, the training of the Battalion has shown gratifying advancement. We believe that when the time comes we shall be able to give a good account of ourselves, be it in France or elsewhere. The schemes which have been carried out in the manœuvre areas, the route marches, and night operations have done much to stimulate the men's interest and enthusiasm and have been of great value. In physical training excellent progress is being made, and our Physical Training Officer was recently complimented on the way in which the men of the 9th Battalion do their Swedish drill. Our recruits are coming along nicely as regards their training, etc..

'During the month we have lost some of our senior officers. Major G. A. C. Taylor, who commanded the Service Company and who has brought

it to a high state of efficiency, has been appointed second in command of the 10th Battalion Warwickshire Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel W. Kent-Lemon, Major W. T. Boucher, and Captain J. F. S. Tulloh have relinquished their commissions.

Bedfords only required 30 runs and had two wickets to fall, but our side Bedfords only required 30 runs and had two wickets to fall, but our side managed to win by 20 runs. Features of the game were the well hit scores of 61 by Lance-Corpl. Taylor and 53 by Mr. Hubble. Our bowling was pretty good. Lance-Corporal Doe took seven wickets for 63; Lance-Corpl. Wycherley six for 91; Sergt. Matthes four for 87; and Lieut. Innocent one for 22. The Bedford team included excellent batsmen in Captain Saunders and Lieut. How. Score:—

9TH R.W.K.	10TH BEDFORDS.
Lieut. Thompson b Doe 2	Lieut. Martin lbw b Matthes 22
Sergt, Stanway Ibw b Doe	lieut. Rainbow c Innocent b Wycher-
Lce, Corpl Wycherley b Doe 0	ley 6
Lce orpl. Marsh b Doe 0	Lieut. How b Matthes 63
Lieut, Innocent b Doe 9	Capt Johnson b Wycherley 14
Second-Lieut, Hubble b Doe 53	LceCorpl Doe c Taylor b Wycherley 0
ce -Corpl. Taylor b Doe	Capt. Saunders c Matthes b Wycherley 62
Sergt Matthes c Johnson b Saunders. 29	Lieut. Rednall b Matthes 4
Lieut. Lovell b Saunders 29	Lieut. Barker b Innocent
LceCorpl. Gray not out 2	ieut Woodhouse c and b Matthes 29
C.Q.M.S. Seal b Saunders 19	Pte Dicks c Matthes b Wycherley 9
S -Major Snelling b Woodhouse 1	Pte Chambers b Wycherley 4
	Pte Hobday not out 5
Extras 39	Extras 12
268	248
. 268	210

THIRD 5th BATTALION.

This unit is now rapidly filling up, and is stationed at Bromley, under command of Captain G. C. B. Jenyns (lately O.C. Administrative Centre). Coi.-Sergt J Spooner is the new Sergeant-Major. Training is proceeding energetically, and the unit will soon be in a position to supply drafts to the 1st and 2nd Lines.

WORDS SPOKEN TO THE 1st CANADIAN DIVISION

(Brigade by Brigade, and to Engineers and Artillery),
AFTER THE TWELVE STRENUOUS DAYS AND NIGHTS OF
FIGHTING, EMBRACED BY THE PERIOD—22nd APRIL TO THE 4th MAY, 1915, BY

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E. A. H. ALDERSON, C.B.,

Commanding 1st Canadian Division.

"All Units and all Ranks of the 1st Canadian Division, I tell you truly, that my heart is so full I hardly know how to speak to you. It is full of two feelings, the first being sorrow for the loss of those comrades of ours who have gone, and the second, pride in what the 1st Canadian Division

"As regards our comrades who have lost their lives-and we will speak of them with our caps off-(here the General took off his cap, and all did likewise)-my faith in the Almighty is such that I am perfectly sure that when men die, as they have died, doing their duty and fighting for their Country, for the Empire, and to save the situation for others, in fact, to die for their friends,—no matter what their past lives have been, no matter what they have done that they ought not to have done (as all of us do)—I repeat, I am perfectly sure that the Almighty takes them, and looks after them at once. Lads, we cannot leave them better than (here the General put on his cap, and all did the same).

"Now I feel that we may, without any false pride, think a little of what the Division has done during the past few days.
"I would first of all tell you that I have never been so proud of anything in my life, as I am of this armlet with 'I Canada' on it (pointing to it), that I wear on my right arm. I thank you and congratulate you from the bottom of my heart, for the part each one of you have taken

in giving me this feeling of pride.
"I think it is possible that you do not, all of you, quite realise that if we had retired on the evening of the 22nd April—when our Allies fell back before the gas, and left our left flank quite open—the whole of the 27th and 28th Division would probably have been cut off, certainly they would not have got away a gun or a vehicle of any sort, and probably

not more than half the Infantry.

"This is what our Commander-in-Chief meant when he telegraphed, as he did, that the 'Canadians saved the situation.' My lads, if ever men had a right to be proud in this world, you have.

"I know my Military history pretty well, and I cannot think of an instance, especially when the cleverness and determination of the enemy is taken into account, in which troops were placed in such a difficult position, nor can I think of an instance in which so much depended on the standing fast of one Division.

"You will remember the last time I spoke to you, just before you went into the trenches at Sailly, now over two months ago, I told you about my old Regiment—the Royal West Kents—having gained a reputa-tion for not budging from their trenches, no matter how they were attacked. I said then that I was quite sure that in a short time the Army out here would be saying the same of you,

"I little thought-we none of us thought-how soon those words would

come true. But now to-day, not only the Army out here, but all Canada, all England, and all the Empire, are saying it of you!
"The share each Unit has taken in earning this reputation is no small

"I have three pages of congratulatory telegrams from His Majesty the King downwards which I will read to you, with also a very nice letter from our Army Commander, Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien.
"Now, I doubt if any Divisional Commander, or any Division, ever had

so many congratulatory telegrams and messages as these and remember, they are not merely polite and sentimental ones, they express just what

the senders really feel.

"There is one more word I would say to you before I stop. You have made a reputation second to none gained in this war, but, remember, no man can live on his reputation, he must keep on adding to it. That you will do so I feel just as sure as I did two months ago, when I told you

that I knew you would make a reputation when the opportunity came.

"I am now going to shake hands with your Officers, and as I do so, I want you to feel that I am shaking hands with each one of you, as I would actually do, if time permitted. No, we will not have any cheering now—we will keep that till you have added to your reputation, as I know you will."

NOTES.

Brigadier-General F. Wintour, C.B., has been appointed Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General of the Second Army with the temporary rank of Major-General.

Captain C. W. H. Taylor, 3rd Battalion, has been appointed to the Adjutancy of the 10th Infantry Base Depot.

Captain A. J. Bonsor, 3rd Battalion, has qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, as a first-class instructor in machine guns.

Captain W. M. L. Escombe, 20th County of London Battalion, The London Regiment (Blackheath and Woolwich), late 2nd Volunteer

Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, has been awarded the D.S.O.
"For conspicuous gallantry and skill in establishing himself on the crest of the Givenchy Bluff on May 28th, 1915, under very heavy fire, and from there directing bomb-throwers with great success for an hour. His prompt a tion not only repelled a hostile attack, but secured fresh ground, which was consolidated."

Lieutenant D. P. Forestier-Walker, now serving at the Depot, has been granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Captain J. Lees is Adjutant of Ostrohove Rest Camp and not as stated in our July issue.

Temporary Captain J. F. S. Tulloh, 9th Battalion, has relinquished his commission.

Captain R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., has been seconded for service on the Staff.

Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood is seconded for service as a Brigade Musketry Instructor.

Captain R. M. G. Tulloch and Captain E. F. Moulton Barrett had the honour of being received by His Majesty on July 12th, when the King decorated the former with the Insignia of Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, and the latter with the Military Cross.

Major F. W. Burbury has been appointed a Deputy Assistant Director of Railway Transport, and graded for pay as D.A.Q.M.G.

The following have been appointed Temporary Second Lieutenants in the Regiment:—Sergeant Instructor A. E. Carpenter, Private G. F. Peachey, Private G. Bullen (rom the Artists' Rifles), and Rifleman W. A. J. Richardson (from the Queen's Westminsters).

Colonel R. C. Style has been appointed to the command of the 119th Brigade with the temporary rank of Brigadier General.

Captain (Hon. Major) A. B. Pembroke, late of the 2nd Vol. Batt. and 3rd Batt. has been appointed Adjutant of the Bucks Territorial Battalion.

No. 6530 Sergeant Instructor W. J. Skeer has been promoted Colour-Sergeant and appointed Acting Sergeant-Major 2/20th Battalion London Regiment. *

Pte. C. Jones, of the 2nd Battalion, has been awarded the medal of the Royal Humane Society for attempting to save the life of a comrade who was drowned in the Karkeh River, Persia, on May 8th.

The "Sphere" during the last few weeks has given drawings of the cap badges of regiments. In its issue of July 31st appears our badge, underneath is the following letterpress:

"The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 50th and 97th Foot—White Horse of Kent on scroll. The Regiment was in the Trenches at Neuve Chapelle for ten days WITHOUT LOSING A MAN."

We regret to announce the death of Colonel A. W. Dury, late of the Regiment, on July 17th. He retired as a Major in 1894, and commanded a Provisional Battalion during the South African War. He took part in the Abysinian Expedition of 1867-68, and received the Medal. He will be affectionately remembered by all who served with him.

Miss Alice Saunders, 24, Park Road, Bromley, is anxious to obtain news of her brother, No. 10181 Private A. Saunders, 1st Battalion, who has been missing since April.

Mrs. John Golding, Broughton Cottage, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, is anxious to hear any details concerning her husband, No. 8698 Sergeant John Golding, 1st Battalion, who was killed in action on July 11th.

CAPTAIN W. V. PALMER.

We learn with regret that Captain Palmer has had to undergo another severe operation to his knee. He is in King Edward VII. Hospital for officers at 9, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.



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Roll of Honour.

The following is a complete list by Battalions of the casualties amongst the Officers of the Regiment for the first 12 months of the war:

1st BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION (32).

Major C. G. Pack-Beresford Capt. W. C. O. Phillips 2nd Lieut. M. F. Broadwood Lieut. C. K. Anderson, 3rd Batt. Lieut. D. C. C. Sewell, 3rd Batt. Major P. Hastings Lieut. W. K. Ames Capt. F. Fisher Capt. H. J. Vicat
Major M. P. Buckle, D S.O.
Capt. and Adjut. G. B. Legard Capt. G. F. H. Keenlyside Lieut. S. K. Gore 2nd Lieut. J. M. Harding Capt. A. C. Beeman, 3rd Batt. Capt. E. Battersby, 3rd Batt.

Capt. P. T. Mills, 3rd Batt. Lieut. J. E. G. Brown, 2nd Batt, 2nd Lieut. J. F. Burbury 2nd Lieut. M. N. Thompson 2nd Lieut. K. Frost 2nd Lieut. L. H, Y. Pownall 2nd Lieut. L. S. White Major F. J. Joslin, 2nd Batt. Capt. C. T. Tuff, 3rd Batt. Lieut. C. M. Payton, 3rd Batt. Lieut. P. W. Bradley, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. E. B. Walker Lieut, G. R. Daubeney, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. J. Craston, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. B. C. K. Job, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. F. W. Croucher

(28). WOUNDED

Lieut, A. A. E. Chitty (Prisoner of War)
Capt. A. K. Grant, 2nd Batt.
Lieut. P. J. Wilberforce Bell, 2nd Batt. 2nd Lieut. E. S. Kerr 2nd Lieut. C. A. M. Holloway Capt. E. J. Moulton-Barrett Capt. W. V. Palmer 2nd Lieut. A. T. Williams Col. A. Martyn Major C. V. Molony (R. of O. late 1st Batt.)
2nd Lieut. G. G. Harris, 3rd Batt.
2nd Lieut. H. S. Doe

Capt. G. D. Lister (Prisoner of War)
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O.
Capt. H. B. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O.
2nd Lieut. H. F. Westmacott, 3rd
Batt,
Capt. H. B. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O.
2nd Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. W. R. Cobb, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. G. D. Borland, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. S. T. L. Maunder, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut, E. A. Sharpin 2nd Lieut, C. H. Wild, 3rd Batt, Capt. A. d'E. Knox 2nd Lieut. O. M. Fry
2nd Lieut. E. C, Hilder
2nd Lieut. E. C, Hilder
2nd Lieut. A. E. Carpenter
2nd Lieut. W. A. I. Richardson
2nd Lieut. H. A, Poland, 3rd Batt.

(missing, believed killed)

2nd BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION (3).

Captain M. W. Graham 2nd Lieut. A. C. Elton

Lieut. N. B. Howell

WOUNDED (3).

Captain J. W. Nelson Captain C. R. Ingram 2nd Lieut. A. Howe

6th BATTALION. WOUNDED (1).

2nd Lieut. A. G. Heath

ATTACHED TO OTHER UNITS. KILLED IN ACTION (6).

2nd Lieut. P. J. Whitehouse, 3rd Batt. Captain J. H. Stokes, 3rd Batt.

2nd Lieut, L. P. Waghorn, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut, H. T. Vandell, 3rd Batt. 2nd Lieut, K. Sheriff, 3rd Batt.

WOUNDED (5).

2nd Lieut. G. Y. Gross, 3rd Batt. Captain P. T. Aldworth, 3rd Batt. Captain W. G. Yates, 2nd Batt. 2nd Lieut. J. D. Burrows, 1st Batt, 2nd Lieut. E. W. Sheppard, 1st Batt.

N.B.—The above names are shown under the Battalion with which they were serving at the time, irrespective of the Battalion to which they really belong, so that it can be seen at once what losses each Battalion sustained. We append another table showing the actual loss of the various units:--

Killed	in Action.	wounded.
	19	19
	5	6
	17	10
	A jone	1
	NOT SELECT	1
	41	37
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Total casualties amongst officers for 12 months, 78.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of August:

OFFICERS. WOUNDED.

Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Commanding 2/4th Batt. Lieutenant D. C. Stern, 2/5th Batt., attached 2/4th Batt. Lieutenant N. P. K. J. O'N. McCleland, 3rd Batt., attached 1st Batt.

Lieutenant W. B. Hodgson-Smith, 6th Batt. 2nd Lieutenant J. S. Mann, 6th Batt. 2nd Lieutenant M. R. de Fleming, 2/4th Batt.

MISSING.

Lieutenant H. C. S. Hearnden, 9th Batt., attached 2nd Hants.

We append two Tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalion with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

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	TABLE	E A.	
	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
1st Battalion	32	29	_
2nd Battalion	3	3	-
2/4th Battalion	_	3	_
6th Battalion	1 A.C.	MOLE STATE	_
Attached other uni	ts 6	5	1
	_	-	_
	41	43	1
	TABLI	Е В.	
	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
1st Battalion	19	19	_
2nd Battalion	- 5	6	276 - 21
3rd Battalion	-17	-11	_
2/4th Battalion	83-	3	- th
6th Battalion	1 -	3	
9th Battalion			1 -
Reserve of Officers		1	146 - 21
	-		
	41	43	1
Total all casua	Ities amor	ost Officers	8

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the Casualty Lists from August 1st to 31st, 1915:

1st BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

8164 Pte. F. Harmer.
4900 Pte. T. Goldup.
980 Pte. W. Medhurst.
285 Pte. G. Geeves.
1341 Pte. J. Davis.

DIED.

1216 Fte. G. Barnes.

10325 Pte. J. Frost.

WOUNDED.

10637 Pte. J. Bones.	10601 Pte. W. Chesnay.
4808 Pte, F. Hollands.	10307 Pte. F. Hellewell.
4923 Pte. G. Walter.	4639 Pte. W. Jarvis.
7315 LceCorpl. R. Aitken.	4763 Pte. A. Mead.
9169 Pte. D. Black.	8108 Sergt, W. Page.
4704 Pte. F. Bourne.	637 Pte L. Raftery.
5170 Pte. W. Carpenter.	4825 Pte. A. Scott.
10158 Pte. C. Croxford.	10260 Pte. A. Smith.
4701 Pte. J. Smith.	4535 Pte. J. Finter.
8910 Pte. J. Taylor.	4630 Pie. F. Russell.
8793 Pte. J. Westcombe.	8136 Pte. M. Shean.
5692 Pte. N. Wiles.	4663 Pte. W. Durbridge.
2685 Pte. A. Draper.	5175 Pte. P. Jacquery.
4618 Pte. T. Gibson.	5704 Pte. J. Mitchell.
616 Pte. J. Horogan.	8292 Pte. F. Page.
115 Pte. H. Jenner.	10079 Corpl. W. Squires.
	8576 Pte. W. Pickard.
9036 Pte. G. Lines.	
129 LceCorpl. A. Allum.	5028 Pte. B. Skardon.
8759 Pte. F. Baldock.	10032 Pte. A. Barton.

MISSING.

10469 Pte. J. Barrie.	7182 LceCorpl. H. Hewins.
4902 Lance-Corpl. A. Clackett.	10003 LceCorpl. J. Clarke.
5621 Pte. T. Jenkins.	7269 Pte. G. T. Corps.
5548 Pte. J. Organ.	3328 Pte. T. Lucy.
AGRE Dto A Glade	

Previously Reported Missing now Not Missing.

8576 Pte. W. Pickard.

4895 Pte. J. Payne.

Previously Reported Missing now Prisoners of War.

9770 Pte. C. Donald.

10150 Pte. R. Fitzgerald.

Previously Reported Wounded now Wounded and Missing.

2497 Pte. J. Le Bean.	5805 Pte. G. Hughes.
9831 Pte. O. G. Donovan.	8728 Pte. J. Meeks.
7748 Pte. A. Abnett.	10181 Pte. A. Saunders.
4994 Pte. J. Baker.	· 483 Pte. A. Coomber.
8579 Pte. C. Beckett.	7739 Pte. W. Carter.
5119 Pte. W. Breeze.	8483 Pte. G. Cole.
6793 LceCorpl. J. Canty.	4998 Pte. H. Fox.
10420 Pte. J. Coshall.	10542 Pte. T. Jones.
8540 Pte. C. Hammond.	10137 Pte. E. Pluckrose.
8608 Corpl. E. Dyer.	. 7881 Pte. J. Thompson.
6680 Pte. R. Gray.	9031 Pte. R. Ward.
10271 Pte. J. Pinks.	7912 Pte. C. Winter.
7189 Pte. F. Fryer.	

Previously Reported Wounded now Wounded and Prisoner of War.

6581 Private E. Sharp.

Previously Reported Wounded now Killed.

5623 Private J. E. Lancaster.

Previously Reported Wounded and Missing now Died as Prisoner of War.

10120 Private S. Glayzer.

1st BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

	Died. Killed. Wounded. and Missing 3 12 38 25		Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War,			
			FORM	ER	LISTS.			
	12	372	1048		~	18	173	
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Dedu	15	384	1085 27		25	27	175	
Deut	- 100		21			3	200	
	15	384	1059		24	24	175	

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men 1681

6th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

494 Pte. T. Burton. 510 Pte. F. Sawyer.	940 Pte. J. Hillier. 798 Pte. G. Brooker.
353 Pte. E. M. Jones.	321 Pte. E. W. Rust.
3976 Pte. C. Clements.	60 Pte. A. C. Terry.

WOUNDED.

929 Pte. G. Cheshire.	293 Pte. P. O'Connor.
193 Pte. S. Glue.	5504 Pte. T. Riding.
812 Pte. G. Bennett.	831 Sergt. F. Rouse.
577 Pte. H. Billings.	37 Pte. C. Sherlock.
280 Sergt. J. Coomber.	542 Pte. W. A. Sims.
950 Pte. P. J. Cronin.	288 Pte. K. Stone.
565 Pte. G. E. Endersby.	829 Pte. S. Manktelow.
345 Pte. F. Groom.	183 Sergt, J. Vant.
512 Pte. A. Harman.	35 Pte .G. West.
364 Pte. F. G. Kemp.	3939 Pte. R. F. Jones.
26 LceCorpl. W. Millen.	853 Pte. J. Pinder.
298 Pte. G. A. Millington.	428 Pte. J. Aldous.
8459 LceCorpl. W. Mills.	369 Pte. W. Bates.
307 Co-SergtMajor W. Muri	
498 Pte. P. Newman.	567 Corpl. C. Thomas.
98 Pte. E. Neville.	938 Pte. B. Vaile.

6th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Killed Wounded 32

FORMER LIST.

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N.B.--"Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

REPATIATED PRISONER.

No. 9480 Private J. Bain, 1st Battalion, has been repatiated by the German Government, and is in the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth.

AN APPEAL FROM OUR COLONEL.

To the Editor of the Queen's Own Gasette.

SIR,—I wish to thank all who have so kindly responded to my appeal for funds to supply comforts for the 1st Battalion.

We now have to provide also for the 2nd Battalion, who are fighting in the Persian Gulf; for the 2nd/4th, in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, and for the 6th, 7th and 8th, who have lately joined the Expeditionary Force in France, and who at no distant date will be followed by other battalions of the Regiment.

I therefore venture to appeal for further donations from all who are connected with the Regiment and from their friends, and am confident that I shall receive a generous response.

I am also making an appeal to the county through the local press of West Kent.

I am, sir,

yours faithfully,

EDMUND LEACH, Major-General, Colonel, The Queen's Own, R.W.K. Regt.

September 1st, 1915.

Cheques can be made payable to Lieut.-Col. J. P. Dalison, Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment, Maidstone.



Lieut.-Colonel Stanhope H. Pedley, Commanding 2nd Battalion.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Commanding 2nd Battalion. It is with some difficulty that we have been able to obtain one, and unfortunately it is not of a very recent date. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Battalion.

We are anxious to publish this paper earlier in the month if possible; and would therefore be grateful if correspondence could be forwarded not later than the 25th of each month.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the eleventh list of donations received by the Officer Commanding Depot to August 31st, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal :-

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Previously acknowledged	1476	17	11
August 4th-Captain Roy Brock (monthly, 8th donation)		0	
August 7th-Brigadier-General Rodney Style (3rd donation)	10	0	0
August 8th-Mrs. B. Pownall	50	0	0
August 12th—Grove Green School, Boxley	1	0	0
August 19th—Officers 3rd Battalion R.W.K.R. (3rd donation)	8	5	6
August 21st—Captain L. Hickson	15	0	0
August 24th-Mrs. G. C. Nunn (2nd donation)	1	0	0
August 31st-DieutColonel T. T. Burt (2nd donation)	5		0
A. M. N. Streatfield Moore, Esq. (2nd donation)	10	0	0
Mrs, Ryall	10	0	0
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THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions at the Front, as specified:—

1st BATTALION: August 4—Two bales containing 33 bundles of shirts and socks, candles, matches, cigarettes, soap, etc., etc., from the Roan School for Girls, of Greenwich.

August 7th-Seven gross of bootlaces, 500 tins of dubbin.

August 9th-Four gross sticky fly papers.

August 25th-15,000 cigarettes.

6th BATTALION: August 11th-Five gross fly papers.

2/4th BATTALION: August 5th—20,000 cigarettes.

The receipt of all the above have been acknowledged except the cigarettes.

GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from the following:-

The Central Depot, Maidstone.

Mrs. and Miss Johnson.

Miss Mann. Mr. F. Thomas.

Mr. Tovey.

Mr. Herbert White.

Mr. Walter Fremlin.

Mr. Wilkins.

The Members Maidstone Joint Political Committees.

Mr. Edward Bunyard.

Miss Mercer.

Mrs. F. W. Burbury,

Mrs. Leney

Miss Hill very kindly organised a special party, which completed 300 rifle lock covers for the rifles of a draft of that number going to join the 2nd Battalion in the Persian Gulf.

We have received the following letter from Mr. F. Thomas, and we apologise most heartily for our error, and are glad to have the opportunity of thanking him for his many generous gifts ever since the beginning of the War :-

C.R. Office,

New Scotland Yard, S.W., 16th August, 1915.

DEAR SIR.

Many thanks for the copy of the "Queen's Own Gazette" for August, which you so kindly sent.

On page 3360, right hand top corner, you acknowledge "Gifts in kind from the following ladies," and right in the middle of the list appears

my name.

I have often listened to a popular song called "Put me among the Girls," and wished that it might come true; but now I'm there I am thirsting for the blood of that imp of a "printer's devil" who has mixed things up for me. I never thought my old regiment would have mishandled me in my old age. Yours sorrowfully, FREDK. THOMAS.

MENTIONED DESPATCHES. IN

The following is a complete list of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Regiment who have been mentioned in despatches during the first year of the war : -

*Colonel A. Martyn (Brig. Gen.) Capt. P. D Aldworth.

*Major M. P. Buckle, D S.O, *Bt.-Lt.-Col. P. M. Robinson, C.M.G. Capt. J. H. Stokes. Lieut. P. F. Wilberforce Bell. Bt.-Lt.-Col. H. Isacke, C.M.G. *Major R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O. Lieut. H. B. H. White, D.S.O.

Lieut. J. R. Russell, D.S.O. *Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O. Lieut, C. M. Payton.

Capt. H. B. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O. 2nd Lieut. E. B. Walker, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Wild. *Capt. & Adjt. G. B, Legard. Capt. E. F. Moulton Barrett. Capt. W. V. Palmer. 2nd Lieut. H. S. Doe.

Qr.-Mr. & Hon. Lieut. H. G. Rogers, 8566 Co. Sergt.-Major W. Selves. 6369 Lce.-Corpl. J. Knight.

3142 Lce.-Corpl. J. Ryan. 4558 Co. Sergt.-Major W. Penny. 7267 Lce.-Corpl. P. E. Eldridge. 9829 Lce.-Corpl. J. Gilbert. 5345 Co. Sergt.-Major A. Reynolds.

8329 Sergt. J. Powell. 73.2 Sergt. J. Saward. 8674 Sergt. W. G. File. 9401 Sergt. W. Maslin. 967 Lce, -Corpl. A. Steane. 8641 Pte. G. Biggs. 6025 Pte. F. G. Floyd:

6031 Sergt. H. A. Palmer. 7934 Pte. G. Ward. 6694 Sergt. M. P. Stroud. 8702 Pte. C. Barr.

191 Lee.-Corpl. F. Brockies. 1557 Pte. A. J. Cha
* These Officers have been twice mentioned. 1557 Pte. A. J. Chandlor.

Also the following Officers who previously served in the Regiment:—
Lt.-General E. A. Alderson, C. B.

Lieut.-Colonel P. M. Davies. Lt.-Colonel P. Umfreville, C M.G. Major H. S. Bush.

HONOURS AWARDED.

The following is a complete list of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Regiment to whom Honours have been awarded during the first year of the war :-

To be Brevet Colonel -Lieut.-Colonel A. Martyn. Major P. M. Robinson, C.M.G. Brevet Lieut.-Colonel H. Isacke, To be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel C.M.G.

Major R. J. T. Hildyard. Captain R. M. G. Tulloch. D.S.O.

Captain H. B. Buchanan Dunlop. Lieut. H. B. H. White. Lieut. J. R. Russell.

Captain E. F. Moulton Barrett. Captain J. H. Stokes. Military Cross

Lieut. P. F. Wilberforce Bell. 2nd Lieut. H. S Doe,

5345 Co. Sergt. Major A. Reynolds. 5259 Co. Sergt. Major F. J. Crossley. 4558 Co. Sergt. Major W H. Penny. D.C.M.

6694 Sergt. M. P. Stroud. 7847 Sergt. E. Dennington. 7501 Sergt. W. Markham. 7261 Sergt. D. Wright.

241 Lee -Sergt. J. Young. 8192 Pte. J. Turnbull.

9831 Pte. P. Donovan. Pte. G. H. Johnson. 8438 Pte. E. Bunsell.

2nd Lieut. H. S. Doe. Medaille Militaire

8566 Co. Sergt - Major W. Selves. Also the following Officer who previously served in the Regiment :-C.M.G. Lieut-Colonel P. Umfreville.

LIEUTENANT A. A. E. CHITTY.

Cross, but with as yet no result. later than that. Application has been made for a transfer through the Red but they have since been informed that a clever surgeon might save it even to the German Doctor's report, requires an operation as soon as possible, as the chadon has not joined, so it is useless. His relatives were originally told that unless this operation was performed before August 28rd, a year from the date on which he was wounded, he would lose the use of his arm, but they have since been informed that a clear property of the part of the control lately that he still has to be careful going upstairs. The arm, according it. Apparently the lung wound has healed, though the Red Cross reported We have received the following news of Lieutenant A. A. E. Chitty. He was shot through the right lung at Mons; his left upper arm was broken by shrapnel, and his wrist watch was shot off with some of hose beneath it.

and runner. The loss of the use of his arm will be a terrible blow to Lieutenant Chitty, and as he is a left hand bowler. He was Captain of the Sandhurst XI., and was also in the Olifton XI. and Football (Rugby) XV., and was a good boxer

found him, where he nearly died of his wounds. For several weeks he was hidden in a Belgian Convent befo: e the Germans

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Prisoners of War :-The following is a further list of those who are kindly looking after our

D. A. Seligman, Esq., I.
Mrs. Seligman, I.
Mrs. J. Haskell, I.
Mrs. H. Mesritz, I.
Mrs. H. Mesritz, I.
O. W. Seligman, Esq., I.

That he has asked to have it off. He was taken prisoner at Mons with Sergeant Reeves. He says that the Germans will never release any of our N.C.O.'s even if their legs and arms are off, for tear we should use them as Instructors, He is now in No. 3 General Hospital, Wandsworth. doubtful if it can be saved, although the pain has at times been so great leased from Germany. His leg was broken in three places, and it is Mr. Spoor informs us that No. 9480 Private James Bain has been re-

OUR WOUNDED.

their kindness is deeply appreciated. The Regiment offers its most grateful thanks to all those who have so kindly contributed to the entertainment of our wounded comrades, and are still some 30 to 55 left here, and kind people who can send their cars, or ask special small parties up to six, will nearly always find some at home. not as many arrive as formerly. Consequently the permanent parties organised for their entertainment have had to be cancelled; but there The number of wounded in Barracks has sensibly diminished lately, and

CULTINGS FROM "PUNCH,"

people who live opposite, The trenches are really quite comfortable except for the mud and the Extract from a soldier's letter :-

the 1914 Pattern Equipment, which will last about 24 days. 6. Equipment, Mr. —Accoutrement Maker from Woolwich Arsenal has arrived here to instruct the Battalion in the Repairing and Fitting of Extract from Battalion orders :-

you fall out once there. Sergeant (to Tommy, who has fallen out for the fourth time). "What! at it, again? You know you ought never to have joined this 'ere Regiment, my lad, You ought to have joined the Flying Corps—They only let

POMMRES-DE-TERRE FRITES.

OFFICER (somewhere in France): "I say, Simpson. Why are all those men running into that house?" What are they after?" SIMPSON: "They re after Bombardier Fritz, Sir." OFFICER: "Who's Bombardier Fritz? Is he in the Battery?" SIMPSON: "He aint a man, Sir; he's fried potatoes."

CZAR'S AWARDS TO OUR MEU,

mentioned awards for gallantry and distinguished service in the field:-His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Russia, has been graciously pleased to confer, with the approval of His Majesty the Wing, the under-

1st Battalion royal west kent regiment.

Lance-Sergeant J. Young and Private J. Turnbull are already in possession Medal of St. Geerge, 2nd Class—241 Lance-Sergeant J. Young "
, " 3rd Class—8192 Private J. Turnbull.
, 4th Class—6025 Private F. G. Floyd.
, " 4th Class—1025 Private F. G. Floyd.

of the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

following letter :-Private Cornelius Bresnahan has been honoured by the receipt of the

Buckingham Palace, S.W. Privy Purse Office,

your eight sons to give their services to the Army, I am commanded by the King to convey to you an expression of His Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted you and

people of the British Empire are so bravely fighting. so readily responded to the call of their Sovereign and their country, and I am to express to you and to them His Majesty's congratulations on having contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all nearly contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all The King was much gratified to hear of the manner in which they have

I have the honour to be,

Keeper of the Privy Purse. Sir, Your obedient Servant, (signed) F. E. G. POUSOUBY, Mr. Cornelius Bresnahan.

Service O, Si Sic Omnes. We append the record of service of the Father and his eight sons.

who which the Harde of the Aisne. Wounded at the Battle of the Aisne. Wounded at the Battle of the Aisne. With 5rd Battalion Wounded at I'm Bassee.
Wounded at Mons and taken
pursonnied at Mons and taken Remarks, Discharged 1901, rejoined Dec., 1914, serving at Depot. With 1st Battalion.

R. W. K. Regt. R. W. K. Regt. R. W. K. Legt | Michael (son) | 24 | Peter (son) | 29 | Edward (son) | 21 | Patrick (son) | 19 | Patrick (son) | 19 | Bedford Regt. K.R.R. Regt. R.W.K. Regt. R.W.K. Regt. Cornelius (son) Age, years. Regiment. Vames, ... (ornelius (father) ...

COKKESPONDENCE,

24th August, 1215. PROMUEY, KENT. .. MALEBRIONE' ..

The Editor, "The Queen's Own Gazette."

DEAR SIR,
I think it may be of some interest to the regiment to know that I can
throw a little light on the case of Mo. 6535 Private J. W. Cole referred to

lowing address indicates:after a silence of some four or five months they have received three letters from him during the last month. From the tone of these letters he is apparently well and cheerful, and is still confined in a fortress as the following address indicates: In my office I have a relative of Private Cole and he informs me that,

1st Battalion R. W. Kent Regiment,

He is apparently allowed to receive nothing beyond letters, as his wife has had returned to her money orders which she sent him and a parcel of groceries which Mrs. Crockford sent him did not reach its destination. 2nd Abteilung
Festungsge fanger,
Bandau bei Berlin.

Yours faithfully, T. O. CROCKFORD.

A Month (or two) at the Dardanelles.

Some further Extracts from Capt. R. G. C. Brock's Diary.

July 17.—Here I am at Lemnos, the Division having been sent here for a rest, but for how long is not known. A dust storm is on now. Two more Egyptian Army Officers have returned to Egypt, so I suppose I shall not be kept more than two months at most.

July 18. - I am off to see if I can find a less dusty spot to

put the Brigade.

July 21.—A continuous dust storm for the last two days. Last night I returned to civilization and comfort for a few hours. There is a boat in the harbour here which is the Head-Quarters of the Inspector-General of the Lines of Communication, and it is full of many different staffs. I went on board, and had quite a good dinner. It is the place where everyone collects, coming or going. Two more Egyptian Army Officers are returning to Alexandria. I think that in some ways this is a more arduous show than Flanders. The men are kept longer in the trenches, and when they go back into reserve, on the beach, or even here, they have no such comforts as baths and billets.

July 25.—We are still resting here, and the Division, as a whole, want it badly. Of course, I don't feel quite entitled to a rest, having only done a month. Rumour has it that we go back very shortly. The postal arrangements are very bad. I have had no parcels, and very few letters and papers, and those of a later date often come before the earlier ones. A big Turkish attack has been expected, but we don't know if it has materialized. Many decorations are given here straight away by Sir Ian Hamilton. After each show names are called for, and they are given at once, but don't appear in the home papers for some time after. Those who have been in both places say the fighting here is, taken all round, more severe than in Flanders, I suppose because it is more continuous, and there is no spot on the Peninsula where you cannot be hit. I spent a whole day a little while ago trying to work a French insecticide sprayer, apparently meant for destroying green fly on roses, which was intended to be used to clear gas out of the trenches. Up-to-date, thank heaven, we have had no gas, though they seem to expect it. By the way, the French 75's never stop firing, they are splendid.

July 28.—I am writing this on a fleet sweeper in Lemnos harbour, waiting for the shades of night to push off back to what the men call "the hail of bullets and the roar of shot and shell." We shall leave at 7 p.m., and arrive at the other side between 11 and 12, disembark on V Beach, and then walk across to the other side. Most of these sweepers are cross-channel cargo boats. I am not in the least sorry that this so-called rest is over; it has been a rest in so far that there has been nothing to worry about, but Lemnos is a foul spot, continual wind and appalling dust. There are varied opinions as to the situation. Some people seem to think that when the hill Achi Baba is taken, the Turks will not stop running till they get to Constantinople. Personally, I don't. Of course, if the hill is taken, we can get into the harbour at Maidos, but that does not seem much use without doing something on the Asiatic side, as the forts would, I imagine, render the harbour useless. I must say I would like to stand on the top of Achi Baba before my time is up.

By the way, I was inoculated against cholera; all the Brigade was done. A very harmless performance, and does not make one the least seedy, as the enteric serum does. You have two doses. The men of the Division that relieved us were a fine lot, the only grievance I had against them was that they asked for an enormous amount of water, a personal matter, as I had to find it!!

As to my feeling under fire, it is hard to say. When I was up in front, the din and the dust, and the general pandemonium seems to prevent my thinking of anything except my own job, but what I do object to is the feeling you are being potted at in cold blood when you are walking up the communication trenches; you hear a bullet go thud into the bank, then another whistles over your head, and you know some beastly sniper is following your movements, or at any rate you think he is. In the long irregular line we hold you never know from what direction a bullet may come.

July 29.—Just landed. Unfortunately just missed Hildyard, he went off last night. The great Turkish attack that was

supposed to be coming off, fizzled out into nothing.

August 1.—We have been in reserve since our return from Lemnos, but expect to go up to-morrow. While in reserve, the Brigade spends its time making roads, mostly along the sides of the cliff. Should there be heavy rain, I don't see what is to prevent the whole thing sliding down.

There is a broad, very deep ravine running up from the beach, which is more or less out of shell-fire, and is full of everything, horses, ambulances, ammunition waggons, etc. I imagine that it might easily become a roaring torrent in wet weather.

Blowing hard to-day, and one gets an idea of what the sea

along the beach will be like later on.

A curious incident happened on July 9th. One of the Turkish trenches put up a white flag. I reported to the Division, who sent an officer up, who went out and returned with a letter. Later in the day an officer from G.H.Q. came over with an answer. This officer had formerly been in the Macedonian Gendarmerie, and the Turkish officer who came out to meet him had been a friend of his in Turkey.

August 3.—Very busy preparing for an attack we are to make on the 6th. Up to and all round the trenches arranging for my job, i.e., supply of ammunition, bombs, sandbags, and also tins of water for sending on to captured trenches. Decided to have a dump for each of the three battalions that were for the assault (the fourth battalion being in reserve), close up to them with everything they would want. Got up all the ammunition in the afternoon, 200,000 rounds.

August 4.—Attack ordered for 4 p.m., 6th. Got all the bombs (2,000) up, and distributed them to the dumps. Also got hold of 500 petrol cans for the water, and had them filled, they are far the best thing, as they are not too heavy when filled, and have a handle. They may have to be dragged across the open by night. I also got 6,000 sandbags. Every man carries two of these in his belt in the assault.

August 5.—My part of the show for the present finished. Sandbags issued to battalions, and the remainder put in the dumps. Two days' rations drawn and sent up, so as to avoid

having to bring up anything to-morrow night, after the assault. Got a good selection of bombs, including a new sort, made like the Turkish bomb, round, and the size of a cricket ball. The jam tin bombs are now all right, as they have . . . in them, instead of, as formerly, . . . which is easily affected by damp. Just received orders to leave here and return to Egypt on the 13th. Alas! I fear I shall not be in at the death of Achi Baba.

August 6. -- Up to trenches early, did not go to usual Head Quarters, as another Brigade was still in them, but further forward, 500 yards behind the centre of the line. Had some breakfast, and then went round the dumps to see if all was right. After that made arrangements for evacuation of wounded, down which trenches stretcher cases were to go, and down which trenches walking cases. arranged with Division to send up some of the Divisional Cyclist Section, with stretchers, if pressure became too great. That took till noon, when an officer from the Division arrived with the time, and there was much checking and setting of watches. A scratch lunch, and at 2.30 the noise began, and practically simultaneously the Turks began a heavy bombardment of our trenches, especially support and communication. This made us think they knew of our attack. Went off to see about some rations, and had my helmet knocked off by a piece of H.E. shell, and a piece cut out of it - a lucky escape. When I got back I heard one of our communication trenches had been knocked to bits, and all our wires out to the Battalions had been cut, but they were all set going later.

The General asked B. and myself to go up and observe, B. on right, and I on the left. The walk up was most unpleasant, half the communication trench was down, and shells were bursting all over it, why I was not hit I don't know, the 28th June was bad enough, but this time it waswell--I've no word for it. The fire trenchas had got off fairly lightly. I found the best spot to see from and waited. The Battalion I was with sent their first line over the parapet, and made them lie down in front one minute before the bombardment stopped; this was a good plan, as the Turks could not see and it worked very well, as they got over without any casualties. At 4 o'clock off they went, and they reached the trench which was their objective with hardly any men hit, though I saw the Captain of the Company shot by a Turk through a loophole just as he reached the trench. I could not see much more, owing to the dust. From what I heard after they took this trench easily, but the rear parapet of the trench had been built up very high, and they found great difficulty in getting out of it; when they got to the next trench they were severely bombed by men on their right wearing helmets with their own badge in it; these they found to be Turks. A wounded man came to me with a message on the back of an envelope, "Reinforcements urgently required." He said the officer had been killed just after writing it. I could get no more out of him, as he had been too badly hit. Off I went to find the C.O. and reported this. I also reported to G.O.C. as to the situation generally, and afterwards went to find C.O. of Battalion on the right, via a trench which dipped down near the firing line into a broad hollow, where the trench was discontinued, starting again where the hollow ended. The Turks had now begun again to shell, and the situation was unhealthy, especially in the open hollow. I had one of my dumps there, and the Medical officer of the Battalion had his Regimental Aid Post there also. He was surrounded with wounded, and working like a nigger, under a very heavy shell fire; an Australian, and a better fellow I never met. Went back to Brigade Head

Quarters and told all I knew. I could write volumes and will do so later.

The night was spent in getting more bombs and sandbags

up and getting the wounded out.

August 7.—The Turks have a wonderful system of communication trenches, and most of them are covered. Directly a bombardment starts they leave their fire trenches empty, except for a few men and withdraw into dug outs and covered trenches. At 4 a.m. we were told to withdraw the Brigade, as another Brigade was to relieve us. Went down to beach soon after and met the Battalions as they came down. Collected records from the various Field Ambulances as to wounded that had been passed through, so as to get at the number of casualties. Another Division is attacking again this morning.

August 8.—Sorry to hear that the Australian Doctor was killed yesterday. He had just finished about 7 a.m. and was sitting down having some breakfast when a shell burst just in

front of him. A splendid fellow, named Levi.

All Battalions were addressed seperately by G.O.C. Division who said that the work of the Brigade on the 6th had been invaluable. Up to the trenches in the afternoon to see if all our stuff had been cleared out.

August 9.- Many wounded men keep coming in.

August 10.—All the Turkish prisoners we captured said they would never use gas, but that they intended to fight "clean." I think this must be a fact.

August 11 and 12.-Very busy on various jobs before

handing over my duties.

August 13.—Handed over my duties, and left the Peninsular at 10 a.m., and arrived at Mudros at 2 p.m. The two other Egyptian Army Officers who came from Egypt with me are also returning with me. Reported ourselves on board the "Aragon."

August 14.—Sailed for Alexandria on the "Bornu" at

8 p.m.

August 17.—Arrived Alexandria 10 a.m., having been away exactly two months, and so for the present ends my little bit of active service. I would not have missed it for anything, but wish I could have seen the thing through. I have met many brave and resourceful men, and seen some wonderful sights.

I was lucky to get the job I did get, in fact to go at all, and more than anything to come back wit a whole skin.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

The names of the following Officers of the Regiment, who were excadets are inscribed on the mural tablets in the Chapel of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, having lost their lives on Active Service:

CRIMEA, 1854-1856. Lieutenant G. B. Preston, 97th Foot.

NEW ZEALAND, 1863-1866.

Ensign T. Waring, 50th Foot.

EGYPT, 1882-1885.

Major E. H. Carr, Royal West Kent.
Captain A. L. Birch, Royal West Kent.
Lieutenant E. M. Williams, Royal West Kent.
Lieutenant A. J. Anderson, Royal West Kent.

ASHANTI, 1900. Captain G. Marshall, Royal West Kent.

SOUTH AFRICA, 1901, Lieut. C. C. Molloy, Royal West Kent.

NORTHERN NIGERIA, 1903.

Brevet Major F. C. Marsh, Royal West Kent.

It seems curious that out of the large number of Officers of the 50th and 97th, who were killed in the Crimea, only one should have been a Cacet at the Royal Military College.

HILL 60.

The following is the first account of the fighting for Hill 60 from the pen of a civilian, and we therefore publish it. It is from the Daily Mail of August 7th, and is written by Mr. G. Valentine Williams:-

August 5th, 1915.

The other morning I stood by the gate of a field on a country road in these parts and watched a brigade march past the saluting point under the eye of the General Commanding the Second Army. There was a fine swing about the battalions as they went by, and with eyes shining, heads held high, and shoulders well back, they marched with the air of men who are inspired by the memory of a great ordeal greatly endured

These were the men of the 13th Brigade that had won Hill 60, and then gone off and played a very gallant part in the second battle of Ypres, and had afterwards returned to the ill-omened hill to find that one of its bravest battalions had been overwhelmed by asphyxiating gas, and that the work had

to be done over again.

Twice the 13th Brigade attempted to recapture the hill. Twice it failed. There was no shame in the failure, only glory. The Commander-in-Chief had already expressed his warm appreciation of its gallantry, and now the Army Commander had come to speak his thanks to the 13th Brigade for its splendid services. Indeed, the lustre of its records shines so bright that I count it a privilege to be able to relate for the first time the full story of how Hill 60 was captured and lost,

HORROR OF A CUTTING.

It is a story illuminated by innumerable feats of deathless heroism, a story of splendid tenacity and grim determination, beginning with a fine feat of arms and ending with the asphyxiation of gallant men taken unawares, a crime so foul that no man who saw the railway cutting by Hill 60 after the Dorsets and the Duke of Wellingtons had been gassed will ever take the hand of a German

If after reading this story as it was told to me by the men who went through the fight any man can shirk his duty to his country, then surely our dead of Hill 60, the men who held out on the hilltop to the end and lie there still, will rise up in their hundreds on the Judgment Day and denounce him.

Hill 60 lies in an isolated position on the extreme western edge of the Klein Zillebeke Ridge, with the Ypres-Comines Railway, which here runs through a deep cutting spanned by a bridge, on the one side and the Klein Zillebeke-Zwartelen road on the other. It is a low hill with a flattish top, about 45ft. above the surrounding country. The Germans held the upper slopes and the summit of the hill, while our trenches ran round the lower slopes.

It was decided to mine the summit, then send infantry forward to occupy the mine craters and capture the hill. While our miners were burrowing underground the positions were carefully reconnoitred in person by the General Officer commanding the 13th Brigade, to which the operation, timed to start at 7 o'clock on the evening of April 17th, was entrusted.

NERVES UNKNOWN.

On the evening of April 16th the 1st Royal West Kents and the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, who were to storm the hill, were in our trenches. When an attack of this kind is impending men are keyed up to a high pitch and are anxious to get it over as soon as possible. It speaks highly for the fine discipline of the troops that they waited in the narrow trenches all through the heat of April 17th without a trace of nerves.

By 7 p.m. everything was ready. Major Joslin, who was to lead the storming party, stood with his whistle to his lips beside the Royal Engineers?

officer who was to fire the first of the five mines to be exploded. The first mine went off with a dull rumbling explosion, not very loud, but the earth swayed perceptibly to and fro and an immense black spout soared heavenwards, descending again in a shower of sand, trees, timber, and dismembered

fragments of human beings.

At the same instant, with a roar, our artillery, supported by French and Belgian guns, opened rapid fire on all the German positions in the vicinityon the woods, on the ruined houses of Zwartelen on the left (we were attacking from the north), and on the railway cutting. The second mine went up with a deafening explosion, which was so much louder than the first that the mine is believed to have let off a German mine with it.

The five mines were exploded within a few seconds of one another; then Major Joslin sounded the charge on his whistle, and the "Gallant Half Hundred" were over the parapet and away, headed by men to demolish any barbed wire entanglements remaining and bomb throwers.

FIVE GREAT CRATERS

The Germans were completely surprised. As the West Kents were getting away a panic-stricken German rushed out of the smoke of the explosion, with

hands uplifted, and tumbled headlong over the parapet into our trench, where he was made prisoner. Our machine guns got well into the surviving Germans as they hastily quitted their ruined trenches. Such Germans as stood Such Germans as stood their ground made a mere show of resistance and were either bayoneted or driven down their communication trenches by our bombers. It was found that the mines had done their work completely and blasted all the barbed wire away. The biggest of the five great craters formed was fully 50 yards across and about 40 feet deep. In the meantime, while the West Kents pushed on and captured the trenches beyond the craters, barricading the communication trenches, a digging party of the King's Own Scottish Borderers who had followed up set about digging trenches across the lips of the craters.

By 7.20 Hill 60 was ours with only a few casualties.

The Germans bombarded the new trenches with "whizz-bangs" during the evening with small effect. About 2 a.m. they attempted three counterattacks, but these died away successively under the fire of our machine guns. In the small hours of the morning the Scottish Borderers advanced to relieve the West Kents. The Germans had now woken up and were maintaining a heavy bombardment with shells and bombs. It was pitch dark and the going over the ground, pitted with shell holes and encumbered with dead bodies and broken with barbed wire, was extremely difficult. Major Joslin, of the West Kents, was killed, so was the company commander of the Scottish Borderers, while Major Sladen, the commanding officer of the K.O.S.B.s, was wounded, and his adjutant mortally wounded.

SINGING AS THEY FIRED.

A stern ordeal awaited the Scottish Borderers in the trenches they took over. The Germans maintained a terrible bombardment, but the K.O.S.B.s never lost heart. These astounding men, ensconced in hastily dug trenches by a yawning crater full of dead and wounded, with high explosive shells bursting all around them and often falling into the trench, actually sang as they fired over the parapet or lobbed their bombs over the barriers across the old German communication trenches. Amid the flares that lit up the barren hill-top as clear as day and the shells that burst noisily amid clouds of whiteish yellow smoke they shouted in chorus, "Here we are! Here we are! Here we are again!

Thus a company of the West Kents, sent up in support, found them at daybreak. The K.O.S.B.'s had had to fall back from the trench on the outer lip of the crater to the trench on its near side, so that the crater (it was the one on the extreme left in the rough sketch-map appended) lay between them and the Germans. Their captain lay dead in the crater, which was so full of the dead and wounded that, in the words of a Royal West Kent's officer who was there, "hardly a portion of the ground could be seen."

The next morning—it was April 18—the 1st Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) arrived to relieve the West Kents and the Scottish Borderers, who were now holding on to the three craters on the near side of the hill (the three on the left in the map), "The Duke's," as they are called, did magnificently that day. "The Old Duke," their Brigadier, said afterwards in addressing the shattered remnant of the regiment that came away from the Hill, "would be as proud of you to-day as he was when he commanded you.'

Pelted mercilessly with bombs by the Germans creeping over closer, and bombarded by high-explosive shells and whizz-bangs, they held on grimly all through the day. By noon the Germans had recaptured the whole of the hill save for a section of trench between the second and third craters (counted from the left on the map), where the Duke's still held out. The men in reserve in the rear could see them clinging to the ridge "like a patch of flies on the ceiling." Their casualties were heavy. Two of the officers they lost, Captain Taylor and Captain Ellis, had distinguished themselves at Mons, where the battalion played a notable part, were captured by the Germans during the retreat, but managed to escape and reach England.

OURS ONCE MORE.

Towards evening, the Duke's still holding out, it was decided to make a counter-attack, supported by artillery. The Yorkshire Light Infantry were brought up, and at six o'clock the Duke's, as full of fight as ever, with bayonets fixed, were away over the parapet of their battered trench, followed by their fellow countymen of Yorkshire. The Duke's and the Yorkshire Light Infantry were followed by some of the K.O.S.B.s and the Queen

Light Infantry were followed by some of the K.O.S.B.s and the Queen Victoria Rifles, a London Territorial battalion, that did magnificently in the fighting at Hill 60, one of their subalterns, Second-Lieutenant Woolley, winning the Victoria Cross.

"B" Company of the Duke's on the right reached the German trenches with only slight casualties. "C" Company, in the centre, had to cross open ground, and of the 100 men who charged only Captain Barton and 11 men got into the German trench, where, notwithstanding their small numbers, they killed or routed all the Germans there. "D" Company on the left had likewise to traverse the open and lost all its officers in its passage of the had likewise to traverse the open and lost all its officers in its passage of the

heavily shelled zone, but with the help of the gallant Yorkshire Light Infantry

it managed to secure the trench. Hill 60 was ours once more.

Some fine deeds of gallantry were performed on that sombre hillside. Privates Behan and Dryden of the Duke's got separated from their company, but charged a German trench single-handed, killing three Germans there and capturing two others. When they were reinforced by a detachment of their comrades without an officer Behan took command with great ability. Both men were rewarded with the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

All that day, April 19th, heavy fighting continued. The Germans swept the hill with a terrific bombardment, and their bombers sent bombs over incessantly into our trenches. Some of the shells fell dangerously close to the Brigade Headquarters, but the Brigadier, who seemed to bear a charmed life both now and afterwards at Vpres, escaped untouched. Not so his Staff Captain, Captain Egerten, who was struck in the forehead by a splinter of shell as he sat at the door of his dug-out a few yards away from the general and instantly killed.

By this time the 13th Brigade was exhausted by its spell of hard fighting. The arrival of another brigade released the 13th, who went off to its rest billets away from the firing line, leaving the East Surreys and the Devons to

hold the hill.

UNRESTING THIRTEENTH.

But there was to be little rest for the gallant 13th Brigade. It had hardly settled down in its new quarters before urgent orders reached its commander to push it up with all speed to the support of the Canadians, whose flank had been exposed by the retreat of the French on the left before the gas attack of the Germans. The brigade was put under the orders of the General commanding the Canadian Division and sent into action east of Ypres along the Pilcken road. Its task was, in the words of a general officer, "one that always seems rather useless to those taking part in it, that of making small attacks," "But," he added, "without those attacks the enemy would have broken through, and we should not have been able to do what we did, that is, come back in our own time to the line we had prepared. Without these attacks a.l those arrangements for defence would have been of no avail."

The 13th Brigade found it had exchanged the inferno of Hill 60 for an equally stern ordeal in the shell-swept salient of Ypres. For days they battled bravely under a most terrible bombardment, doing their part with the French and the Canadians to keep the Germans from bursting through the gap they had rent in the Allied line. It was a stern trial for weary men, but they acquitted themselves most gallantly of their task, though again at

a heavy price.

But while one of the greatest battles of the war was raging in the wooded country about the ruins of Ypres, fighting, more desperate than ever, had broken out on Hill 60. The Germans, foiled in all their attempts to regain by legitimate methods of warfare what they had lost, had recourse to their asphyxiating gas tubes, which they had only just employed with deadly effect against the French and the Canadians north of Ypres. Sir John French wrote of this attack in his last despatch: "The enemy owes his entirely to the use of asphyxiating gas. It was only a few days later that the means, which have since proved so effective, of counteracting this method of making war were put into practice. Had it been otherwise the enemy's attack on May 5th would most certainly have shared the fate of all the many previous attempts he had made."

THAT LOW GREEN CLOUD.

The Dorsets, belonging to the brigade which had relieved the 13th, were holding the hill. It was in the early hours of May 1st that a low greenish cloud came rolling over the top of the hill towards the trenches. Our men were taken unawares, unprepared. In a minute or two the gas had them in its grip and they were choking with the stifling fumes. As the forms of the Germans appeared swarming out of their trenches these gallant Dorsets, half asphyxiated though they were, scrambled on the parapet of their trench and opened fire on them.

Notwithstanding the deadly vapours the Dorsets kept their machine guns playing continually on the Germans and thus prevented the recapture of the hill. All that day the Devons, waiting in support, heard the brave tap-tapping of our Maxims and knew that the l'orsets were sustaining their grand old name. Again and again during the day, in response to urgent demands, the Devons sent up ammunition for the guns that were frustrating the enemy. The ground was thick with empty cartridge cases when they

relieved the Dorsets.

The Devons went up that night, cleverly led to our trenches without the loss of a man. In the fields, in the long grass, in the ditches, many gallant Dorsets lay. As the Devons plodded on through the dark, stumbling over

The Devons held the line until May 4th, when, after dark, they were relieved by the Duke of Wellington's, who had been detached from the 13th Brigade. Like the West Kents and the Yorkshire Light Infantry, the Duke's had had the gaps made in their ranks by the heavy fighting filled up with drafts from home, men and officers new to the ground. At eight o'clock on the morning of May 5th, a warm spring day with a gentle breeze, the Germans launched another gas attack and opened a heavy artillery bombard-

ment. The gas came down the hill, "gently, like a mist rising from the fields," says one who saw it, in greater volume than ever before. The gallant Duke's were overwhelmed. Choking with the gas, swept with shells and bombs and machine-gun fire, they were forced to give ground.

THE LAST TO LEAVE.

That morning there appeared, staggering towards the dug-out of the commanding officer of the Duke's, in the rear, two figures, an officer and an orderly. The officer was as pale as death, and when he spoke his voice came orderly. The omcer was as paie as death, and when he spoke his voice came hoarsely from his throat. Beside him his orderly, with unbuttoned tunic, his rifle clasped in his hand, swayed as he stood. The officer said slowly in his grasping voice: "They've gassed the Duke's. I believe I was the last man to leave the hill. The men are all up there dead. They were splendid. I thought I ought to come and report." That officer was Captain G. C. Robins, of the 3rd Battalion East Yorks, who had been attached to the Duke of Wellington's after their heavy losses at Hill 60 on April 18. They took him Wellington's after their heavy losses at Hill 60 on April 18. They took him and his faithful orderly to the ambulance, but though the orderly recovered, the gallant officer died that night. "He was the last man to leave Hill 60," No man could wish a nobler epitaph than that.

There was another gallant man in that Regiment, Private Thomas, telephone operator of the Duke's. Though half-asphyxiated he stuck at his telephone box in the trenches until forced to retire. Then, hearing that the trench had been lost, he insisted on going back to save his instruments. Though the Germans were already in the trench, Private Thomas stolidly went back and brought his instruments into safety. Private Murphy, an R.A.M.C. orderly wearing a respirator of his own invention, went up and down the trenches during the gas attack succouring the victims as best he was able. By prompt intervention, notably, he was instrumental in saving the life

of an officer who had had his femoral artery severed.

The Germans showed a strange reluctance to advance. Perhaps they remembered the lesson some of them had received on the day they gassed the Dorsets (May 1st), when a party of them, bursting exultingly down the road over the hill, walked straight into the fire of a battery of our machine guns. The Dorsets and the Duke's went for the survivors with the bayonet, and killed or captured every one of them. killed or captured every one of them. At one time on May 5th, however, the situation seemed so critical that the Devons beat up every reserve they could find, even taking the cooks away from cooking-pots, and lined them up in anticipation of a German rush. But that rush never came.

HORRORS OF A MAY DAY.

I would wish to abridge the horrors of that hot May day. Men have described to me the railway cutting as a shambles where the dead and wounded lay so thick that one had to move them out of one's path to pass. I have seen that railway cutting myself, a bleak, ugly place, as railway cuttings mostly are, with the single line of rails all bent and broken by shell-fire, silent and deserted now, some of the dead still lying where they fell, for to-day no man may cross those rails and live. The spectacle was one that made the men who saw it, as they told me themselves, sick with horror and fierce with anger against the fiends who had perpetrated this nameless crime.

Meanwhile the 13th Brigade, which had shortly before come out of the inferno about Ypres, where the battle was still raging, hoping for a muchneeded rest, was sent up to Hill 60 with orders to counter-attack and recapture the position if possible. The attack was fixed for ten o'clock that night (May 5th), and entrusted to the battalions originally concerned in the

capture of the hill—namely, the West Kents and the K.O.S.B.'s,

The conditions in which the attack was made were exceptionally difficult. The night was exceedingly dark, and the innumerable shell-holes and the coils of broken barbed wire spread about made anything like a rush forward impossible. The Germans apparently had wind of the attack, for they opened a tremendous bombardment dtrectly the storming parties got away. The leading files were instantly mown down, and the assault really never got

under way.

under way.

One of the most dramatic adventures of this night of bloody fighting befell Lieutenant Gillespie, of the K.O.S.B.'s. Appointed to lead the K.O.S.B.'s storming party, he had posted a man to tell him when the West Kents had got away on his left. Someone shouted, "They're off, sir,' and he lept out over the parapet, a rifle in his hands. A man caught him by the leg as he sprang, crying, "They're not awa' yet, sir!" The man was right. It was a false alarm. So Gillespie lay down in the open in front of the parapet until he saw the dark figures of the West Kents spring forward on his left. With a cry, "Come on, men!" he started off.

LAST DRINK IN A CRATER.

It was a wild adventure. The ground was full of holes in which dead men lay, and the officer fell at every step. Still he plunged on until, close to the German trench, he turned and looked, and found he was all but alone. Only two officers and half-a-dozen men were there, and the next moment the officers were shot down,

Above the line of the sandbags of the enemy's trench Lieutenant Gillespie could see the points of the German bayonets. The Germans stand thus to repel an attack, with one finger on the trigger, ready to shoot through the head any man leaning over the parapet to bayonet them from above.

Gillespie knew, so he discharged his rifle into the trench, leaning well back. Then, hearing a commotion, he slipped for cover into a deep crater.

The hole was full of dead and wounded men. One of the wounded touched Gillespie's hand. Recognising the regiment by the Kilmarnock bonnet, the wounded man said softly: "For the love of Christ, Jock, give me a drink!" Gillespie handed him his water bottle, and the man drank and died with it in his hand,

The officer crouched there in the crater for a long time in the black darkness, listening to the sounds that came from the German trench. All night a harsh and angry voice harangued the men. Once there was a loud racket like the winding of a rattle, a blaze of red and green lights soaring heavenward with a tremendous fizzing, and then a deafening explosion. "That's the last of the K.O.S.B.'s," was the officer's reflection, but it was in reality only a British shell that had exploded a box of Verey lights, and with it a case of bombs. Presently Gillespie managed to creep away and regain his trench unscathed.

On the right the West Kents fought like fiends, but made no headway. No fewer than five D.C.M.'s were the mead of honour they gleaned in the attack, Captain Moulton-Barrett, who led the storming party with splendid gallantry, receiving the Military Cross. Lieutenant Westmacott, the machine-gun officer, was struck by a bullet and very seriously wounded while trying to rescue a German who was half-buried under dèbris.

Another counter-attack was made with the approach of drylight at 2.30 am. (May 6th). The Yorkshire Light Infantry and the bombers of the Irish Rifles attacked the Zwartelen salient. Two companies of these splendid Yorkshire fighters got into the salient and were never heard of again. On

the left the Cheshires assaulted with the bombers of the K.O.S.B.'s, and made some progress, but finally had to retire. Nor could the Irish Rifles bombers make any headway. All through the night fierce fighting, often at close quarters, went on amid a terrific bombardment with shells and bombs. We finally had to retire and consolidate our position on the lower slope of the hill.

That is the story of Hill 60. It has never yet been told, perhaps because the fight was dwarfed by the immense battle which raged about the Ypres salient during its dénouement. If it was a failure, it was a glorious failure, and in the future no battle honour shall figure more proudly than Hill 60 on the standards of the gallant regiments that fought and died upon those barren slopes.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.

The latter part of this article is not accurate, the writer having mixed up the two attacks.

Captain Moulton-Barrett commanded the storming party in the first attack when Lieutenant Westmacott was wounded.

In the second attack A Company under Captain Lynch-White formed the storming party, and was on the left of the Scottish Borderers, the night was too dark, and there were so many trenches and old wire about that the attack never matured.

2nd-Lieutenant Littleboy with one platoon of A Company reached a trench in line with the Germans, but losing his direction, only got into a trench already occupied by us. He was supposed to keep along a road, but as the road had long since disappeared there was nothing to guide him.

The attack was doomed from the start, as the Germans were prepared.

:: News from the Battalions. ::

1st BATTALION.

Some little while ago the G.O.C. the Army Corps addressed the Brigade in which the 1st Battalion is serving as follows:—

Brigadier-General, Officers, N.C.O's and men of the X Brigade of the Y Division, I should not have asked you to parade this morning, seeing that it is only two months ago since I paraded you, but for the fact, which I very much regret, that you are on the eve of departure from the Z Army Corps.

Most of you, I dare say, were present when I spoke a few words to you on the 24th May, when you came out of that part of the line which has not a very good reputation—the Ypres line. I cannot add more about the fine work you did in that part of the line than I did then. I, however, should like to express once more to you all, the Brigadier-General, Officers, N.C.O's and men of the X Brigade, my deep personal thanks, as the General Commanding the Z Corps, for the work you did then. I can assure you that the part you played in the defence of Ypres is fully recognised, though it may not be possible in despatches-in fact, it is impossible—to bring into relief every incident in the parts played by the Brigade. But in just two or three sentences I should like to tell you again of my great appreciation of the difficult part which, in my view, you played. You all know perfectly well that through no fault of our own, we found ourselves in a position of extreme difficulty and one that at one time was even critical. There were the troops who had to stick fast to their trenches or had to seek fresh positions, and those who, like yourselves, came up to our assistance. The former to hold on at all costs and the latter to play a part which always seems unsatisfactory and wasteful-to deliver a series of local attacks without any apparent object. The object, however, was that unless these attacks were delivered, the enemy would have broken through, and we should have been unable to go back at our own time and discretion, to the new line we had chosen. Once more, I must thank you for the part you have played.

Previous to that you received the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief for the splendid work you achieved in the capture of Hill 60; and previous to that again you were thanked by the Commander of the 2nd Army for the way in which you and other units had helped us in critical times. You had just taken over in times of great difficulties . . . and I should like to endorse what he then said to you.

In leaving for another part, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are handing over the line to those who succeed you in a very different and improved condition from what it was when you took it over. It remains as a very fine record of the good work you have done.

I have only now to say "good-bye" to you. You will be glad to get to another part of the line after all your hard fighting.

After this campaign is over, you will be able to look back upon what you have done in the part of the line you are leaving, with the greatest pride. The work you have done up here will always stand out as worthy of the British Army. I wish you, Brigadier-General, Officers, etc., etc., the very best of luck.

Before quitting the Brigade, the Brigadier visited the Battalion and addressed them as follows:—

Colonel Robinson, Officers, N.C.O's and men of the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment. It will be some time before I have the pleasure of seeing you all again on parade. I am very pleased with the smart way you have turned out to-day, it is only in accordance with the reputation you have gained of always being spick and span.

Since we have been together we have been through some very rough times, in the Ypres salient, at Hill 60, and at the attack on the Pilkem ridge. You have always acted with the greatest gallantry, and have added fresh laurels to those

you already bore.

I have to thank you for the way you have treated me during the time I have been in command. You have made the work not only pleasant but easy. You have lightened the responsibility, and I can assure you that there are very heavy responsibilities resting on the shoulders of a Brigadier, but they are greatly lessened when a brigade is composed of such fine material as you are.

I should like to go round and shake hands with all you chaps, but as that is impossible, I hope you will take the

I hope before long I shall have the pleasure once more of meeting you.

2nd BATTALION.

We regret we are unable to give any information of the 2nd Battalion; it is known they were in action on July 24th, but no letters written since that

The Officer Commanding Depot, 2nd Battalion, at Nasirabad, writes to say that Captain C. R. Ingram and 2nd Lieut. A. Howe are severely wounded, and Captain J. W. Nelson slightly wounded. Captain A. K. Searight and Lieut. O. G. R. Barnes have been invalided. The former is at Simla, and the latter at Colabar, Bombay.

3rd BATTALION.

In ordinary years the month of August has usually been the Annual Training month, and the Q.O.G. for September has contained an account of our "one month's soldering." This year all is changed and our doings have been much the same as for the past twelve months. We cannot tell of the drafts we have sent out, but we now have the 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalions to

feed.

We have had two cricket matches, one against the 4th and 5th Battalions We have had two cricket matches, one against the 4th and substations.

Dublin Fusiliers, and the other against the 3rd Battalion orthamptonshire Regiment, but each time we had to admit defeat. There is not much time for practice now-a-days. The Officers also suffered defeat at the hands of the Dublin Fusiliers at tennis, but it was a close match,

Captain W. G. Yates has been appointed Staff Captain to the Brigade,

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he makes the seventh Officer of the Battalion on the Garrison and Brigade

Congratulations to Second Lieutenant G. W. Press on obtaining a commission. Illness prevented him from going out with the 1st Battalion, but we are glad to say that he is now fit and well.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion for the period July 28th

to August 27th:—
REGULAR OFFICERS—Captain J. K. Kay (from 2nd Battalion), Second Lieutenant E. C. Hilder (sick from 1st Battalion), Second Lieutenant G. W.

Press (commissioned from ranks).

Special Reserve—Captain G. L. Herman (transfer from Tonbridge School, O.T.C.), Second Lieutenant C. H. Wild (wounded from 1st Battalion), Second Lieutenant B. L. Tankard (transfer from 13th Reserve Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment), econd Lieutenant W. E. M. Stuart (first appointment). Reserve or Officers—Lieutenant H. B. Wheeler (recently employed with New Zealand Forces).

ADDITIONAL DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICER—Major A. J. West.
The following Officers have left the Battalion during the same period, all to the Expeditionary Force

Regular-Captain N. I. Whitty, Second Lieutenants W. L. Wigan and

PECIAL RESERVE-Second Lieutenants C. J. A. Kysh and W. G. Dove.

FIRST 4th BATTALION.

Hugh Rose Barracks, Jubbulpore, 5th August, 1915.

"The rain in raineth every day." At least is has done here in Jubbulpore during the last fortnight. The tardiness of its approach—it was at least two weeks later than usual-and the long break that followed the first few days' rain, made us begin to think that we were likely to miss the monsoon altogether, the consequences of which would have been very serious indeed for the Central Provinces. However, the rain has made up for lost time recently, and last week a record rainfall was registered at Jubbulpore, when no less than 18½ inches fell in 24 hours.

As may be imagined, this has resulted in serious floods, and a considerable amount of damage was done, chief amongst which was the washing away of a huge stone cause-way which carried the road over the Nerbudda River, a few miles from the barracks, and over which we have marched repeatedly. Many of the employees at the Gun Carriage Factory have had their houses rendered untenable by the heavy rains, and have had to seek shelter in some of the empty married quarters in barracks. No little distress has also resulted amongst the native population, many of whom have had their homes washed completely away.

Only two events of special importance have occurred to break the monotony of life during the rainy season since my last letter. The first of these occurred about two weeks ago, and caused no little excitement for a few short hours. Late on the evening in question a telegram was received from the Headquarters of the Division ordering the Battalion to prepare to embark for Aden at the shortest possible notice. As there had just previously been a recurrence of the trouble on the Aden Hinterland, and a number of casualties had been reported, showing that fighting had been taking place there, practically everyone jumped to the conclusion that the wire contained orders for active service. The majority of the men had retired for the night when the news reached the Barracks, but the information spread like the proverbial wildfire, and a scene of extraordinary excitement was to be witnessed. Regulations with regard to noise, etc., after "Lights out," at other times rigidly observed, were thrown to the winds, and the men paraded the Barracks cheering vociferously. A very different tale, however, was told when morning dawned. Another wire came to hand cancelling the first, and stating that it was the 4th East Kents, and not the 4th West, that was to proceed to Aden. The disappointment felt was at first very keen, but a little further information on the subject, and a little rational reflection, caused a somewhat different construction to be put on the matter by the majority. When it transpired that the move was chiefly intended for the purpose of relieving the Battalion of the South Wales Borderers that have been stationed at Aden for the past six months, it was generally conceded that we had had a somewhat lucky escape. Aden when considered as a station for purely garrison duty has a very unenviable reputation, and when the prospect of active service was eliminated from the case few of our Battalion felt inclined to envy the Buffs their change of station.

The second event of note during the period occurred last week, when a wire arrived asking the Battalion to furnish a draft of one officer, one sergeant, two corporals, four lance-corporals, one drummer, and thirtytwo men for service with the 2nd Battalion at the Persian Gulf. From the recent casualty lists that have come through it was apparent that severe fighting had again been taking place in that direction after a period of comparative quiet. The fact that the 2nd Battalion had lost three officers killed and three wounded proved that they had been in the thick of it, and it is probably to replace these losses that the draft has been asked for. The telegram came to hand late on Saturday afternoon, and the Commanding Officer decided to ask for volunteers rather than to resort to nomination, and he ordered those willing to go to parade outside the Orderly Room immediately after church the following morning. It is perhaps needless for me to state that the Battalion volunteered almost to a man, and when Colonel Watney arrived on the scene he saw a stronger Battalion parade on the ground than had been the case since the last G.O.C.'s inspection. It was eventually left to Company officers to recommend men from their companies, the C.O. contenting himselt with selecting the officer and the N.C.O.'s. A very fine looking draft has resulted, the average height being well over 5ft. Sin., and the majority of the men being either marksmen or first-class shots. Lieut. W. Haslam will go in charge of the party, while the lucky member of the Sergeants Mess is Sergeant G. Paine. A similar draft is, we understand, being furnished by the 5th Battalion at Jhansi, and the party will leave here on Thursday, and sail from Bombay on the 15th inst.

Yesterday, the 4th of August, the anniversary of the declaration of war, was observed in India, as in other parts of the British Empire, as a day of intercession. All the troops of the Garrison here attended Church parade, at the places of worship belonging to their several denominations. It is significant that the special intercessional services were not confined to Christians alone, but that the plea for assistance to a Supreme Being was participated in by Mohammedans and Hindus all over this great

To-day, the 5th of August, is the date upon which the Territorial Force has completed twelve months' embodied service, and the fact is to be celebrated by the Sergeants of the Battalion by a dance in the

Gymnasium to-night.

Gymnasium to-night.

Referring to our mobilisation, perhaps one may be permitted to become reminiscent for a few moments. It will be remembered that the orders for embodiment arrived during the middle of our last year's training and just upon the completion of the march of the Home Counties Division from Aldershot to Salisbury Plain. Few of us who experienced it will be likely to forget the task of entraining and sending to their various destinations the units of the whole Division — horses, guns, waggons, and thousands of men—from the little country station of Amesbury. Neither shall we forget in a hurry, the extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm that were witforget in a hurry the extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm that were witnessed, when after a few hours' respite, we left for our various mobilisation stations—in our case Dover. Short periods at Canterbury and Sandwich followed, and then came orders to embark for India. Twelve months of soldiering finds us still serving, but many thousands of miles away from any of Britain's far-flung battle lines, and if appearances are anything to go by, with the prospect of remaining there for

a considerable period yet.

However, we must not indulge in futile regrets, for although we have not as yet seen active service, we must take what comfort there is to be found from the fact that we are doing what those in authority have called upon us to do.

SECOND 4th BATTALION.

No news from this Battalion, but we know from the casualty lists they have been in action in the Gallipoli Peninsula, and it is with great regret that we see Colonel Simpson's name amongst the wounded. He will be a very severe loss to the Battalion.

FIRST 5th BATTALION.

Assaye Barracks, Jhansi, U.P., India,

30th July, 1915.

It is with deepest regret that I have to record the deaths of Captain G. S. Cooper and No. 2092 Private F. Henry. The former from gunshot wounds 28th June, 1915, and the latter from "heat-stroke," 21st.

A most regrettable incident occurred at Jhansi on the 28th June, two Sowars of the 8th Cavalry running amok and killing two of their own officers, Major P. G. Gale and Lieut, F. L. Courtney, one of ours, Captain G. S. Cooper and a Bombardier of the 79th Battery, R.F.A., also wounding Captain Hudson, their Adjutant, and a Sergeant of the 79th Battery,

A brief outline of the affair is as follows:-

It appears that the two murderers were brothers, and that one of them was warned to proceed with a draft to the Front, the other wished very much to go too, but their wishes could not be gratified, which apparently

disturbed their minds with the above result.

They commenced their mad career at their own lines at about 8 a.m. of the aforesaid date and shot dead Major Gale, killed by gunshot and sabre wounds Lieut, Courtney, and shot at and wounded Captain Hudson.

They then made for the Station Staff Office, and en route met a Bombardier and a Sergeant of the R.F.A., shot dead the former and slightly wounded the latter Unfortunately Captain Cooper, who was acting in the appointment of Station Staff Officer at the time, had just left the office and was on his way to breakfast, when the two Sowars arrived, and after letting Captain Cooper pass, immediately shot him in the back, killing him instantly. Shortly after this the two murderers were shot dead themselves by some artillery men, who had turned out on hearing the sound of firing.

The Battalion has lost a good regimental officer, a good sportsman, thoroughly keen and very popular. All ranks mourn the loss.

Captain J. H. Hay has been appointed Station Staff Officer, Jhansi, vice Captain G. S. Cooper, deceased, from 12th July, 1915.

Captain F. B. Jefferiss, R.A.M.C. (T.F.), Medical Officer to the Battalion, has been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, India, to be a Specialist in Advanced Operative Surgery, 5th (Mhow) Division, with effect from

16th March, 1915.

The G.O.C., Jhansi Brigade, inspected the Battalion on the 1st and 2nd June, and expressed his great satisfaction to the Commanding Officer at everything he saw.

No. 2077 Pte. S. C. Tomblin, "A" Company, proceeded on Service with Expeditionary Force "D," attached to the Signal Section as a wireless mechanic, on June 26th.

At a Boxing Tournament, organised by the Boxing Club of the 2nd Battalion Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifles, the following men of the Battalion took part:—

Six Round Contest-Pte. Smeed beat Vol. Jack Longman on a foul in

the third round. Six Round Contest—Pte. Moncur beat Gunner Davidson (79th Batt., R.F.A.) on points after a very exciting and hard-hitting contest.

Six Round Contest—Pte. Flack lost to Lance-Corpl. Lowe (Volunteers)

on points.

Six Round Contest-Pte. Williams beat Lance-Corpl. Raines (Volunteers) on points. This was a very interesting bantam contest, full of thrills. The latter was forced to quit before the closure of the final round.

Six Round Contest-Lance-Corpl. Blake beat Driver Price (79th Batt., R.F.A.) on points. This pair provided the sensation of the tour-Blake up to the fourth round being considerably behind on points and apparently weakening, bucked up in wonderful fashion in the last two rounds and completely turned the tables on his opponent and won by a comparatively comfortable margin of points. It may be mentioned that Blake was giving nearly a stone in weight away.

Sergt.-Instructor R. Darley boxed three rounds exhibition boxing with Corporal Flack during the evening.

Captain R. E. Satterthwaite officiated as time-keeper for the tourney and Sergeant-Instructor F. J. Lander as M.C.

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At a recent classification inspection of Signallers of the Battalion, the following results were obtained: Six 1st class and eight 2nd. The above is the best result obtained by any Territorial Unit in India.

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At the 1914-15 Course of Musketry, the following is the honours list:-Best Shot in the Battalion, Corpl. W. Colley.

Best Shot Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants, Sergt. G. Cockell.
Best Shot Corporals and Privates, Corpl. W. Colley.
Best Shooting Company, old "B" Company (now merged into the

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"A" Company and designated "A" Co.

Best Shots of Companies: "A," Pte. W. Quinnell; "B," Pte. W. Bellingham; "C," Sergt. J. Openshaw; "D," Corpl. Colley; "E," Pte. W. Smale; "F," Corpl. F. Mudge; "G," Lance-Corpl. J. M. Smith; "H," Pte. G. Brown.

The 1915-16 Course is now being carried out, and a general all-round improvement is being shown with the new rifle. *

The Sergeants held a Billiard Handicap during June; the finalists were Col.-Sergt, C. Field and Sergt.-Instructor Lander. Result: Field (owed 80) 150, Lander (owed 40) 82. I am unable to give you the individual scores in the preliminary rounds, owing to their becoming mislaid. The biggest break made in the handicap was 65 by Col.-Sergt. C. Field.

* * We have now formed in the Battalion a very excellent Concert Party, called "The Queries," composed of seven privates, and they are making a great name for themselves in Jhansi and district. Besides regimental engagements, they have by special request performed at the Jhansi Club, Railway Institutes, Jhansi and Bina. The names of the men composing the party are: Privates W. C. Hunt, E. A. Cook, H. Keywood, H. J. Smith, L. Waghorn C. Juniper (accompanist), and L. Chandler.

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* HEARD AT AN ELEMENTARY OUTPOST SCHEME. Lieut. X.: Er, Pte. C., what have we been doing this morning? Pte. C.: Howtposts, sir.

Lieut. X.: Yes, near enough, and what were you yourself? Pte. C.: Fird relief of the Loitering Patrol, sir.

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Lieut. X.: Wh-What do you mean, I suppose you mean Reconnoitring

Pte. C.: Well, yus, sir, perhaps that's it, but I thawt they were the same thing.

(Pte. C. put back for further instruction).

The following are lists of the Officers and Sergeants serving with the

Battalion corrected up to 31st July, 1915.—
Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Frazer, Majors C. D. Clark and A. E. Hills.
Captains L. V. Neame, J. Harston, R. E. Satterthwaite (Adjutant), R.
Keyes, H. L. Richardson, J. H. Hay, R. D. Brewis, J. G. Lepper.
Lieutenants W. E. Sykes, T. D. Marshall, C. L. L. Stokes (Signalling

Officer), A. F. Hooper.

2nd Lieutenants L. G. Brooks, J. D. B. Fergusson, J. M. Pritchard.

F. L. Engledow, E. W. Carvosso, J. P. Carvosso (Transport Officer), E.

M. Neame, K. O. Smithers, W. B. Bakewell (Machine Gun Officer), T. A.

Permanent Staff.—Acting Sergt.-Major S. G. Reeves, Sergt.-Instructors F. J. Lander, W. Gillespie and R. Darley; Quartermaster-Sergeant C. Knight; Company Sergeant-Majors W. Turner, F. Hanmore, B. Black-Knight; Company Sergeant-Majors W. Turner, F. Hanmore, B. Blackburn and E. Walker; Company Quartermaster-Sergeants G. Sullivan, J. T. Breese, J. Curry and C. Field; Sergeants A. Mills, S. Sainsbury, W. Evans, J. Wellingham, J. Lee, W. Couchman, A. Groves (Bandmaster), R. Fawsitt, F. Harman, C. Dunford, E. Hogan, S. Coleman, W. Woodman, F. Webb, G. Beorby, D. T. R. Gray, F. Addiscott, J. R. Smith, T. Ralph, A. Berry, C. Blackburn, G. Cockell, W. Weatherill, C. Mills, F. Whurr, H. Hickson, H. Kingsnorth, J. Morgan, J. Scudder, T. Standing, J. Openshaw, G. S. Davis, W. H. Needham, G. Stamp, A. H. Smith, E. P. Smyth, C. Brown; Lance-Sergeants G. Perryman, M. G. Smith, W. Barrow. Barrow.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. PAID IN AUGUST.

Mrs. W. H. Barker, to Sept., 1916. Mrs. A. Colyer, to Dec., 1915.

10th Batt., R.W. Kent, to Aug., 1915. Mr. W. S. Walsh, to July, 1916.

8th Batt., R.W. Kent., to Aug., 1915

Mrs. Poland, to Dec., 1915.

Mrs. Chaffey, to Dec., 1915.

Mrs. F. G. Ryall, to July, 1916.

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Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. Catt. to Sept., 1917. Mrs. W. H. Barker, to Sept., 1916. 10th Batt., R.W. Kent, to Aug., 1915. 8th Batt., R.W. Kent., to Aug., 1915 Mrs. Poland, to Dec., 1915. Miss Chaffey, to Dec., 1915. Mrs. F. G. Ryall, to July, 1916. J. G. Druce, Esq., to Dec., 1915. 9th Batt. R.W. Kent, to July, 1915. Brig.-General Martyn, to July, 1916.

Mrs. Hart, to Oct., 1916. Sergt. Fisher, to Aug., 1915.

SECOND 5th BATTALION.

On July 10th the Battalion proceeded to Maidstone for three weeks' trench digging, leaving in Camp 250 recruits. The Division with which the whole of this Battalion was present was inspected by Field-Marshal Lord Kitcheher on August 7th, and we were most pleased to have commendatory remarks from him. The Battalion marched 18 miles that day and again the next, to get back to camp at Sevenoaks.

There is not much service news to record; training is proceeding in beautiful weather and under ideal conditions. We have now a large number of attached officers from other regiments, a practice seemingly common throughout the Brigade—in fact some battalions are so plentifully staffed that a wit has defined a platoon as "a small number of soldiers entirely surrounded by officers" surrounded by officers.

surrounded by officers.

The boxing competition has been in full swing and aroused the greatest interest, there being nearly one hundred entries. This was concluded on August 27th. Referee: Sergeant I. Akhurst. Judges: Co.-S.-Major Tite and Sergeant Palmer, M.C., Co.-Sergt-Major Hopwood. Timekeeper: Q.M.S.

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Results were: —Heavy weights, Lance-Corporal Sowman, A Co., winner; Private Yates, B Co., runners-up. Welter-weights, Corporal Willimott, B Co., winner; Larce-Corporal Gazley, D Co., runner-up. Middle-weights, Private Harrison, D Co., winner; Lance-Corporal Gazeley, D Co., runner-up. Lightweights, Private Waller, C Co., winner; Private Crawley, B Co., runner-up.

very hot, close weather, which taxed most of us severely. within sound of the guns, we went ino billets again for nearly a fort-night. Here Major Burbury emerged from the railway carriage in which he had been living for many months at Railhead, and gave us news of 1st Battalion and many other interesting matters.

Our instruction in trench warfare was uneventful, but we had a long march to get there. It was here that Colonel Robinson, with the Quarter-

master and the Sergeant-Major of 1st Battalion, discovered us.

Having been shown how it should be done, we were started off one evening on a long march, and dumped down in a big wood in the middle of the night, as reserve Battalion to the Buffs, who took over the trenches in front of it. Four days later we changed places with them and made the acquaintance with dead as well as living Germans, and came to the conclusion that we liked the former least. Whilst at this place we were unfortunate in losing two good men, drowned by accident in a small pond, marked "Bathing," by the preceding Battalion, but it must have been 14 feet deep, with very steep sides and wires at the bottom. It is now marked "Dangerous." Having done our tour in the wood we went into billets for a week or so and then took over our present trenches and a farm house alternately with our good friends the for trenches and a farm house atternately with our good friends she feth Buffs. We get shelled at intervals in either place and are coming to look on the trenches as the most comfortable.

The health of the Battalion has been very good on the whole, and we have till lately had very fine weather, too hot at first, but a few



BOXING COMPETITION. 2/5th BATTALION.

Pte. Marshall (winner Light Weights) and Pte. Perrin in the Ring, August, 1915.

Feather-weights, Private Marshall, D. Co., winner; Private Toomer, B. Co., runner-up. Bantam-weights, Private Baker, C. Co., winner; Private Daire, B. Co., runner-up.

The competition was a great success, and reflects great credit on the com-

Battalion Concerts are held every Friday night, and have been the means of discovering considerable talent. In a very successful concert on August 27th, Sergeants Sale and Munday, Lance-Corporal Edney and Privates Manton, Bishop, and Wright were performers of high merit.

We regret to hear that Lieutenant D. C. Stern, now in the Second 4th R.W.K., was wounded in the fighting in Dardanelles on August 21st.

6th BATTALION.

We have been out nearly three months, but so far no one has responded to the Editor of the "Q.O.G." for news.

We are a bashful lot apparently, and blush to see ourselves in print. To start with we had a most peaceful journey across the Channel and a nice rest on arrival, when we were well looked after by Colonel Maunsell and Captain Lees. Then a night train journey to close to G.H.Q., when we went into billets for a day. Then two long weary marches in thunder showers soon gave us an idea of what it will be like in really wet weather, which we are not looking forward to.

Trench duty unfortunately takes its toll of killed and wounded, as the

casualty lists show. But our snipers are earning quite a reputation and we imagine we get our own back with interest.

We have had many presents of tobacco and good things through the "Weekly Despatch," 'Daily Express," and many private sources, which are much appreciated. The Regimental Fund sends us fly papers and syrups, the latter most useful in combating the hosts of flies which infest the whole country ride and are our privated by the whole country ride and are our privated by the whole country ride and are our privated by the most part are the property of the whole country ride and are our privated by the most part are the property of the property of the property ride and the property of the p the whole country side, and are our principal bane just now.

DEPARTURE.

Voici de cela bientôt trois mois!

Though a better perspective may now be had of the events, the emotions

Though a better perspective may now be had of the events, the emotions then aroused are sunk into too deep a sleep to be easily re-awakened. It was May—the time when illusions may still prevail, hopes still be high, and aspirations sanguine. The future is enshrined in glorious mystery: 'tis the foolish only who wish to probe the secret of its charm only to find disillusion—rumours were afloat that the battalion was likely to move at any moment. At length a certain day is named; it is at hand!

One evening very heavily laden, for all carried besides the ordinary impedimenta and private extras, a blanket and an oil-sheet, the 6th Queen's Own arrived at the station, bound no-one knew whither. The strictest discipline was maintained, and not until entrainment was completed, could men gave vent to their feelings. There was nothing impressive about the departure, no drums were beaten or bugles sounded, no reiterating cheer to urge the soldiers on to victory—such indeed was not needed. Simply a few friends and relatives who had come to see their husbands, sons or brothers off to the Front, for no strangers were allowed on the platform. Thus the train as any other puffed slowly out of the station.

"Ships that pass in the night."

If the railway journey, though happy and expectant had in it little unusual or stirring, this want was supplied by the voyage. The rain fell without ceasing, dismally. It served but to intensify the hush that prevailed. The "Hun" submarines, whose periscopes might at any moment appear at a range too close to prove pleasant. As the ship, a new turbine, swift travelling and silent, drew away from the Kentish shores, the rain fell less heavily, and it became pleasant to gaze over the waters and dream—

Not a whisper could be heard on deck, though crowds of men looked out to sea. It might have been a phantom vessel, floating rapidly on its weird course, but for an atmosphere of suppressed excitement, which seemed to emanate from the watchers. Many were a little "énvivé," and once an officer reported that he sighted a periscope between the ship and the protective destroyer. And once, a crashing sound, which roused laggards from their slumbers in the dining-saloon, was heard; and thoughts immediately flew to torpedoes. But coal alone was responsible! Soon the shores of the long

desired land appeared, and eyes strained forward eagerly to pierce the gloom.

The boat was hauled to—still no noise. The silence was only broken by the M.L.O. who spoke quietly but incisively through the megaphone, issuing orders. No one was to leave the ship until the word was given, then all were to file out silently up the quay to a named hotel, there to form up. The whole was carried out in a most orderly and disciplinary fashion. An absolute quiet prevailed. The troops might have been veterans of many years'

Then the march-along the quay, across the bridge, by the river, through the town, and the weary pull up the hill, steep, endless and slippery. But once on top, dawn being at hand, tents could be seen spread out, beautifully white and refreshing. The battaiion received a fitting welcome from the O.C. Camp, who was an old Colonel of the "Queen's Own"; and soon all the

men and their officers were asleep.

The 6th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt, thus was at last in France, determined to live up to and uphold the great name gained by

the 1st Battalion.

The Base.

The rest camp was delightful. Imagine a large rolling plain, high up, but with gently rising slopez, which here and there mount more suddenly, and culminate in small isolated hills. Beneath, a town, almost in dead ground, partially hidden; in one direction though, half way up the hill and in the distance, a view of a fine old church and beyond it the sea. Add to this a clear blue sky, and a beautiful, fresh breeze.

The rest camp was in every way different from what was anticipated. Many will recollect lectures in which they were informed that "rest" camp was euphemistic, almost a misnomer. As it occurred the only work to do was to clean up the camp before leaving. Since the camp was spotlessly clean on arrival, this could be done easily, and in a very short space of time.

The tents were pitched in the high green grass and on the page of time.

of the road stood a large marquee, where for very moderate prices excellent coffee and rolls, as well as other luxuries, were provided by two fair English damsels. Near by, some bivouacs, suggestive of the East; here Indian troops had recently been quartered. All round gathered the French, who, especially the children, displayed a great interest in the troops; whilst the passage of an officer afforded them the opportunity of proving that their aptitude for begging had not been allowed to lapse.

It was here that Field Postcards first appeared and were doled out as articles of value. Here too the censorship of letters first started. It was then a new interest, and an admirable field for the would-be psychologist. Later on, and when in the trenches, letters became more numerous and the censor, now blase, often longed to have done and get his well earned sleep. The rest period lasted two days and one night. Thus on the evening of the second day, after a short and spirited address by the C.O., and after manifold in the second day.

the second day, after a short and spirited address by the C.O., and after manifold inspections, the battalion once again set forth on its adventures.

There was a steady drizzle when the troops arrived at the station. It was some time before a huge train jerked, with clanks and groans, into the station. On the cattle trucks was inscribed "Chevaux 8, Hommes 40. Into these clambered the soldiers. They were cramped for room and uncomfortable, but glad to be anywhere. The officers' carriages, though more luxurious, scarcely offered better accommodation. After a long all night journey an R.T.O. put his head through a window on which was written "O.C. Train" and ordered all to detrain. Nobody of course knew the name of the station; such a secret was not likely to be betrayed. Guards and fatigue parties were told off, and the remainder re-started on its journey. Let us follow for the moment the fortunes of the fatigue party. The officer and fatigue parties were told on, and the remainder to succeed to the fatigue party. The officer Let us follow for the moment the fortunes of the fatigue party. The officer has been up-leaded, he was to go. The dark and in charge asked where, after he had un-loaded, he was to go. The dark and subtle reply was "over there." However, after numerous and searching questions the right direction was at length struck. The heat was intense, no washing or shaving had yet been possible, and only imaginary rations had been eaten for breakfast, so that the march, a long and dusty one, afforded but scant interest, though the scenery was not unlovely.

Eventually, the fatigue party came up with the main body, which was seated on either side of the road, pending the investigation of billets. There

was not very long to wait before companies were dispersed to their several areas. One company was placed well up the hill above the quaint little village, whose cottages brought back to mind the Irish homestead. The soldiers were allocated to barns, whilst the officers were quartered in various cottages. Short though the stay was here it was much enjoyed. Further, the war area was reached, and all looked forward eagerly to the time when they should take possession of some line or portion of the trenches.

Marching! Marching! Marching!

The two days which followed form but a painful recollection. The battalion whilst in England had marched day in and day out for months and thought little of 14 miles, with training thrown into the balance. Conditions now were more severe. Intense heat, over-loaded packs, and bad roads caused a strain that was mental as well as physical.

A good night's rest in the open concluded the first day's march. During the second day one town of interest was passed through. There was a long

halt here, and the inhabitants, very hospitable, vied with each other in giving away coffee and other refreshments.

Finally, billets, which were then taken to be permanent, were reached. There was in the air a Je ne sais quoi about everyone, suggestive of an inner something the secret of which each clung to closely. For guns could now be plainly heard, occasionally even also rifle-fire. Holes in various buildings, made by shrapnel and H.E., told their story; as did the graves of British soldiers who had fallen whilst helping to drive back the Germans to the line which they now hold. Tales of German atrocities could now be heard first-hand. Motor transport, ambulance waggons, despatch riders swerved hither and hither. This then was the war at last.

7th BATTALION.

After eleven months of really hard work in the way of parades, fatigues, and dodging same, during which time we have rolled in the mud at Purfleet (with counter attractions at Grays), rambled round the wilds of Colchester (with equal attractions in the town, only more so), and scrambled over mountains round Codford (with absolutely no attractions at all), we have at last realised our ambition, and are now "somewhere in France." The best of it is that our friends and relations in England are imagining us toiling in trenches and sweating in swamps, whereas in reality we are quite comfortably billeted in luxurious barns, and pass ideal hours in orchards, occasionally stretching out for very unripe apples and pears, and gooseberries decidedly "passees." We are We are getting to be expert linguists, and sometimes horrify the natives with our "knowledge." Still, we certainly do have to work when we are on parade, especially when we march out with our home on our backs. To wit, when we marched out to an inspection the other day, which was distinctly a wash-out in more senses than one, owing to the non-appearance of the General, and the distinct appearance of a thunder-cloud, which burst right on us; in fact we should have been quite bored if it were not for the unrivalled feat of horsemanship of one whom I will not mention. Our journey from Codford was uneventful, but there are cer-certainly more pleasant ways of seeing France than from a cattle truck packed tighter than sardines, and proceeding at a speed which would have made even our old South-Eastern blush. Another novelty was the bath we had a few days ago; the recipe is as follows: Dig a hole, put a waterproof sheet over it, add a little water, try your best to sit in it, and dry for a considerable time, in order to swank that you got thoroughly wet. There seems to be a pretty good chance of us getting right up to the Front soon (in fact, we are not so very far off now), and considering the numerous restrictions in this village, it is certainly a case of "the sooner the better."

(The above was received too late for our August issue,-ED.)

All those diaries which secretly immortalise us day by day, all those letters An those daries which see every liminortanse us day by day, an those letters which day by day a weary censor stumbles through,—how gladly would we let them speak for us. But so far the diaries, ours, alas, joined the greater number within a week of war; while letters?—all regard for truthfulness, in spite of returns by day and official communiques by night, has not yet left us.

There remains therefore for the veracious chronicler but a sad catalogue of

right marches interminable into billets or trenches unmentionable. In the far-off happy days "when we get our cryvy clothes on," who will not remember with regret the lightsome dancing of the flies of X, the dulcet voices of the rats of Y, the stygian dinn of Z.

Our first four days of trench, signalized by the well-authenticated appartion

of at least one Boche, several sausages, and quite a lot of noise, will have left us at least not forgetful of the kindness of our hosts and tutors in the Art of War

8th BATTALION.

A very strenuous period at Aldershot is drawing to its close, and signs and portents indicate an almost immediate move to "some place abroad."

Our training here has been to the last degree practical, and wet trenches have been plodded through, and slept in, without a murmur, well, without a

have been plodded through, and slept in, without a murmur, well, without a very audible one anyway. Musketry has urged its wild career, and if the number of marksmen is not excessive, at all events we are saved from the crime of swank on that subject. One cannot buck about everything.

His Majesty visited the Division during trench digging operations, and was told that the 8th Battalion was a very fine one. This is probably our last letter to the Q.O.G. before our departure, so we wish you, Mr. Editor, and

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It is with much regret that I have to record the death of Private Milledge, of B Company, who succumbed to scarlet fever on 15th August. The funeral took place on 19th August, and was attended by the officers and men of the

took place on 19th August, and was attended by the officers and men of the deceased's Company.

Although our promised move to Shoreham is looked forward to with pleasurable articipation by many, it is very certain that the sporting element will not be so favoured in our new home. For the men here our cricket pitch will not be so favoured in our new home. For the men here our cricket pitch more valuable, will recover from an absolute torrential downpour in a few hours, a feat which I tear the Shorelann chalky soil cannot emulate. Our places at the at Colchester will be sadly missed when we leave, as many pleasant games of tennis and croquet have been played within its precincts. The only substitute which the Sussex town can offer is a golf course which we teave in the beaut many substitute which the Sussex town can offer is a golf course which hutenents!! i! stnem-tun

An interseting work which the Battalion is occupied in at the present anoman is the construction of model trenches, with every modern convenience (excluding such laturies as baths " hot and cold " of course!) the ultimate intention being that each Company should occupy them for 24 hours at a stretch under as near as possible war conditions.

We have also a bomb-throwing class in operation which should be composed of the best fields in our ericket XI, though it cannot say whether that idea was considered when selecting the members.

Since last month we have lost Captain Ansell who has sailed for some foreign garrison town, and 2nd Lieut. R. B. Green, who is now with the foreign garrison town, and 2nd Lieut. R. B. Green, who is now with the

.NOLLATTAL ALISM.

Regiment attracted a great crowd. The greatest military pageant that has ever been attempted in the borough of Lewisham took place on Saturday, 14th August, when the procession of the 11th (Lewisham) Battalion of the Royal West Kent

sion from the Crystal Palace, the party set out from the Private Banks' Cricket Ground at Catlord, where the Lewisham men are fortunate enough to be quartered. Brigade-Major Hutton, Crystal Palace Brigade, was present and joined the procession. Headed by a Naval Band and a detachment of the Royal Naval Divi-

the parade in the morning. has been presented to the Regiment by Lieut. Pragnell and Lieut, Balls at The Mayor (Alderman R. Jackson) and Mayoress of the Borough, attended by the Recruiting Committee, were followed by the Regimental mascot, a Borzoi hound, wearing the Regimental colours. The mascot

The newly-formed band of the Regiment performed in first-rate style, and then came the Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Colonel Searle) and Major Annesley, followed by a detachment of "A" Company of the Battalion.

The local Volunteer Training Corps turned out in force, and showed how well they had profited by their instruction, under the guiding hand of Alderman Gordon Brew. The Cadets of the Queen's Own, accompanied by their band, followed.

The Vational Reserve, that has provided such a large contingent for the protection of railway bridges and other places, sent representatives, including their "Civilian" Company, and were accompanied by their band, so well known in the locality.

them. out there," even if we, through modesty, forget to send you an account of the Gazette all prosperity, and please don't forget to chronicle our doings

[How can we do this, without the information?-Ed.]

The following extracts from letters received from two N.0.0, s who received commissions in His Majesty's Army may be of interest to the men

Second-Lieutenant C. R. Tattam, formerly a Lance-Sergeant in D

Company, writes:

"We have had to work hard at Harrow during past months, 6.45 a,m. to 10.0 p.m. and sometimes 12 midnight, every day for 28 days, and a suff 3 days exam, at the end of which I pulled through alright, and got an extra special certificate."

Second-Lieutenant C. A. Williamson, formerly a Lance-Corporal in C

"I am getting along very well indeed here (Warminster). I am practically a Platoon Commander, i.e., I am supernumerary Platoon Commander, i.e., I am supernumerary Platoon Commander has been Transport Officer since the Battalion was formed, I am virtually in Command, I think that speaks well for the training I had in "The Queen's Uwn."

the Battalion. received with us, and we congratulate them on the credit they have done to These two Officers appear to put their success down to the training they

9th BATTALION.

matter of fact a glorious uncertainty exists as to whether we shall go to Shoreham at all. No one knoweth whether we shall move to the seaside or whether we shall remain here and continue to breathe the fresh, pure air of Besex; meanwhile our advance party await us in the but by the sea at shoreham. The end of August is approaching, and the 9th Battalion is still in Colchest, still occupying Goojerst Barracks. Our promised move to Shorcham remains a topic of conversation, a subject of rumours, greesses and speculation. Most of us, however, nowadays pay little attention to "news" about the shift, but there are people in the Battalion who are sanguine enough to believe but there or people in the Battalion who are sanguine enough to believe the state of the context of the state and the

anight see the draft off, and there was a big muster of officers and men in the barrack square when the draft paraded. Colonel baniell briefly addressed the men, reminding them what a fine regiment they belonged to, telling them that they were going to join another unit of the regiment and wishing them that they were going to join another unit of the regiment and wishing them of ord speed. The Chaplain offered preyer and the march to St. Botolph's station was begun. 2nd-Lieutenant Walker took out the draft. There were some begun. 2nd-Lieutenant Walker took out the cigarettes and other luxuries, the gifts of their comrades.

Another draft, under Lieutenant Wilson has just gone out. They, too, had a good send off. Shoreham.

Officers and men have been greatly "bucked,' during the month by the fact that we have sent out a draft to the front. Well trained, efficient, and that we have sent out a draft to the front. Well trained, efficient, and constituted one of the finest drafts that have been sent to reinforce our contrades across the channel. Redeless to say they had a great send oil; marching to the railway station with the cheers of their comrades ringing in their ears, with "flags" flying, and accompanied by the comrades ringing in their ears, with "flags" flying, and accompanied by the drumen of the fatternoon of their departure the Commanding Officer released drums. On the Battailon from their duries for an hour in order that they might see the draft off, and there was a big muster of efficies and men in the might see the draft off, and there was a big muster of efficies and men in the

a good send off.

No more officers have gone out. Lieutenant Hearnden, who only sailed for the Dardanelles a few weeks since, is officially reported missing, we regret to note. He was attached to one of the Hampshire Battalions. 2nd-tieut. Melville-Jackson, who sailed with Hearnden, is understood to be in hospital in Alexandria.

in Alexandria.

Several new officers have joined us during the month, and our numbers must almost constitute a record. Batches of recruits have reached us from the Depot, and men from the 7th and 8th Battalions have time from the 10epps, and men from the 7th and 8th Battalions have

helped to swell our numbers.
Attention has chiefly been devoted to musketry lately, and excellent progress has been made. A, B, and D ('ompanies have sent more parties to the trange, and the firing has on the whole been very good. We have our share of marksmen and good shots.

We must find room in these notes for a reference to a recruit who joined us in July. He is somewhat elderly in appearance, a fact which makes his joining up all the more creditable. We wonder what age he gave on enlistenent, a He doeart wear any medal ribbons, but from his looks he has evidently been in many a stiff battle. Many a bloody conflict stands to his evidently been in many a stiff battle. Many a bloody conflict stands to his evidently been in many a stiff battle. Many a bloody conflict stands to his for some weeks. At the moment of writing our friend is missing, having gone weeks. At the moment of writing our friend is missing, having gone we know not where. we know not where.

On the anniversary of the declaration of war the Battalion participated in vast open-air service on the Abbey Fields. The service was identical with that held at St. Paul's Cathedral at the same hour, and was very impressive.

Appended is the score of two cricket matches, recently played between officers and N.C.O.'s and men:—

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Roll of Konour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of September:—

OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieutenant H. J. Bingham-Stevens, 6th Battalion.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2nd Lieutenant W. A. I. Richardson, 1st Battalion.

WOUNDED.

Captain E. G. Russell, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion.
2nd Lieutenant W. G. Dove, 3rd Battalion, attached
6th Battalion,

Lieutenant H. J. Bingham-Stevens, who was educated at Malvern and Keble College, Oxford, received his commission in the 6th Battalion shortly after the outbreak of the war. He was killed on September 17th, when in charge of a reconnoitring patrol. No one in the battalion was more universally loved and respected. He is a very great loss, as brave as a lion, and all feel they have lost a true friend, a gallant officer, and a cheery companion. Lieutenant Stevens was our 6th Battalion correspondent, and our readers will miss his interesting and graphic letters.

2nd Lieutenant W. A. I. Richardson died on August 31st from wounds received in action on July 16th. He was educated at Harrow, and enlisted in the Queen's Westminsters on August 7th, 1914, and received his commission in the 1st Battalion on May 9th. He was an exellent officer, full of courage and energy, and served with the Grenadier platoon. He was shot while trying to pick off some of the enemy from a very exposed position in a ruined house in St. Eloi. Private Stean was with him at the time, and a German shell bursting in the house buried Stean. 2nd Lieut. Richardson was wounded while extricating him. Stean bound up his wound, and helped him to get away. He is a severe loss to the Battalion.

We append two Tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalion with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

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As we are going to press, we learn that the following casualties amongst Officers of the 8th Battalion have occurred. We must defer our notices until next month. They are not included in the above tables.

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Colonel E. Vansittart, Commanding. Captain P. M. Robertson-Ross. 2nd-Lieut. C. D. N. Lawson, 2nd-Lieut. H. O. Beer.

MISSING.

Major L. Brock-Hollinshead.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Major J. C. Chillingworth. Capt. C. de C. Middleton. Capt. A. C, Edwards. 2nd-Lieut. M. S. Ell. 2nd-Lieut. R. F. T. Burrell.

WOUNDED.

Major A. H. Pullman. Capt. R. W. Grant. Lieut, N. B. Green. Lieut. H. L. Lewis. 2nd-Lieut. G. de L. Hough.

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and Men who have appeared in the Casualty Lists from September 1st to 30th, 1915:—

1st BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

8597 Pte. J. Bourne 5875 Lance-Corpl. J. Wilson 10226 Pte. P. Evans 9135 Pte. G. Mason 10395 Pte. J. Ralph 7705 Lance-Corpl. J. Stone

WOUNDED.

8587 Pte. J. Martin 6244 Pte. F. Roots 10623 Pte. P. Waterman 5065 Pte. E. Gatehouse 510 Pte. W. Hanson

MISSING.

4859 Pte. R. Bowden 962 Pte. J. Brennan 8002 Pte. E. Burningham 1217 Pte. H. Chiles 4172 Pte. C. Dennis

PRISONER OF WAR.

5562 Pte. A. Perkins

Previously Reported Wounded and Missing now Killed.
7881 Pte. J. Thompson.

Previously Reported Wounded now Wounded and Missing.

8557 Pte A Chandler. 8982 Pte. J. Edwards.

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1st BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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Died. Killed. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War.

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8541 Pte.	A. Gilbert	L.	7521 S	ergt. W.	Stevens G. Stickins
9214 Pte. V	V. J. Gri	fiths	9597 P	te.C.W.	Taylor
9140 LcCo	rpl. G. H	I. Harris			
9169 Pte. F				te. R. Tor te. H. E.	
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9937	Pte. A. J. Bell
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9112	Lc-Corpl. A. E. Keeble LcCorpl. J. E. Kersey
(619	Pte A Pattenden

9093 Pte. W. G. Newell 8626 Corpl. O. R. Sharp 9949 Lc -Corpl. E. E. Wood 9830 Pte. W. D. Jones 9324 Pte. W. Wiggins

DIED.

8647 Pte. W. Dann 9173 Pte. S. Winter 9396 Pte. E. J. Appleton

Died.

9439 Pte. D. Hogan 9693 Pte. T. E. Payne 8196 Pte. A. J. Tick

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WOUNDED.

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9121 Pte. T. E. Attwood 9505 LcCorpl. C. Baker 9530 Pte. W. Beard 9688 Pte. A. E. Beezer 8291 Pte. A. Benwell 8563 Pte. W. Bird 8668 Pte. P. Bolam 8528 Pte. W. Brosnahan 9835 Corpl. G. T. Batchford 10309 LcCorpl. T. Bough 8511 Pte. E. T. Bye 9781 Pte. W. Catt 8876 Pte. C. R. Clark 8335 Pte. W. Claridge 9554 Pte. W. W. Cox 8655 Pte. H. Collier 8536 Pte. G. Cook 8344 Pte. E. Condon 9471 Pte. P. D. Corrie 8313 Sergt. B. Cramp 9187 Pte. W. W. Creamer 8767 Pte. H. T. Douch 8219 Pte. A. J. H. Druce 9669 Pte. A. J. H. Druce 9678 Pte. H. Fulbrooke 8473 Pte. F. A. Foale 9304 Pte. A. G. Grayland! 8620 Pte. W. Hazelwood 9872 Pte. A. G. Grayland! 8620 Pte. W. Hazelwood 9872 Pte. G. H. Hood 9189 LcCorpl. S. W. Horsman 9239 Pte. D. Holzmeyer 9477 Pte. G. H. Hood 9189 LcCorpl. S. W. Horsman 9239 Pte. H. S. Lane 8536 Pte. W. C. Lawrence 6630 Corpl. L. H. Lewis 8526 Pte. H. G. Locke 8350 Pte. J. McCarthy 9686 LcCorpl. W. Maskell 9817 Pte. R. J. Markley 8479 Pte. B. H. Martin 8542 Pte. A. Medhurst 9517 Pte. W. C. Miles 8278 Pte. C. Minchington 8743 Pte. H. Munyard 5706 ColSergt. E. J. Newbrook:	9506 Pte. J. Ninall 10280 Pte. P. Norton 9465 Drummer C. H. Page
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9590 Pte. W. Beard	9465 Drummer C. H. Page
9688 Pte. A. E. Beezer	9293 Pte. G. Peters
8291 Pte. A. Benwell	9204 Pte. A. G. Parish
8563 Pte. W. Bird	8529 Pte. C. H. Phillips
8668 Pte. P. Bolam	9869 Drummer E. P. Phillips
8528 Pte. W. Brosnahan	9935 LcCorpl. A. J. Philpott
9835 Corpl. G. T. Batchford	8485 Pte. W. Purvis
10309 LcCorpl. T. Bough	9902 Pte. W. A. Quittenden
9511 Pte. E. T. Bye	9847 Pte. W. Rhodes
9781 Pte. W. Catt	9727 Pte. W. Rickwood
8876 Pte. C. R. Clark	8909 Pte. H. Roberts
8335 Pte. W. Claridge	8591 LcCorpl. J. R. Ross
9554 Pte. W. W. Cox	9218 Pte. G. A. Rutherford
8655 Pte. H. Collier	8921 Pte. J. A. Savage
8536 Pte. G. Cook	9338 Pte. W. Sheppard
8344 Pte. E. Condon	9624 Pte. T. W. Shaw
9471 Pte. P. D. Corrie	8792 Pte. R. Saxby
8313 Sergt. B. Cramp	9452 Pte. F. Seale
9187 Pte. W. W. Creamer	9090 Pte. H. Hevey
8767 Pte. H. T. Douch	8336 Drummer H. Jeal
8219 Pte. A. Doyle	9233 Pte S. Jell
9669 Pte. A. J. H. Druce:	8770 Pte. G. Jones
9878 Pte. H. Fulbrooke	9638 Pte. E. Jones
8473 Pte. F. A. Foale	9651 Pte C Keen
9304 Pte. A. Gibson	9668 Pte A. Kent
9397 Pte. A. G. Gravland!	8881 Pte. G. N. Knivett
8620 Pte. W. Hazelwood	03/10 Dto W Knowles
9872 Pte. E. Holland	ORSE Dto C T Slade
9399 Pte. D. Holzmever	0508 Dto E Smith
9477 Pte. G. H. Hood	9007 Pto R Smith
9189 LcCorpl. S. W. Horsman	8205 Pte A Spalding
9239 Pte. H. S. Lane	8619 Pte. J. F. Sporle
8508 Pte. W. C. Lawrence	8927 Sargt C Stammers
6630 Corpl. L. H. Lewis	9454 Dto T B Still
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2nd BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.
Wounded. Wo anded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War.

Total all casualties, amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 149.

2/4th BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

2558 Pte. W. H. Allan 3319 Pte. W. Downey 3675 Pte. W. C. Humphrey 3205 LcCorpl. H. Walker 2997 LcCorpl. G. Balley 2217 Pte. F. Cook 1947 Pte. W. Fist.her 1872 Sergt. J. W. Holland 2961 LcCorpl. P. Ingham 2619 Pte. L. Jordan 2787 Pte. E. Pigott 1899 Pte. F. Watson 1796 Pte. J. Abbott 1739 Pte. H. Clarke 1973 Pte. W. Foster 3543 Pte. G. Francis 878 Sergt. N. Gearing	3207 Pte. H. Todd 1646 Sergt. W. Beaney 2020 Pte. A. Chapman 1905 Pte. J. Holmes 2408 Pte. W. Judd 2710 Pte. H. King 1947 Pte. G. Murrell 2065 Pte. J. Olive 2460 Pte. A. Pattenden 2583 Pte. G. Raife 2853 Pte. W. Raife
878 Sergt. N. Gearing 1552 Ptc. R. Gutsell 3176 Ptc. T. Hampshire	2853 Pte. W. Ralfe 2130 Pte. A. R. Trowell
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2/4th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War. 16

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 53.

6th BATTALION.

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48 Pte. E. 134 Pte. R. 4066 Pte. A. 298 Pte. J.	F. Towner Pinson King	 	I. J. Bateman . Scholey

WOUNDED.

862 Pte. H. Bone		92 Pte. J. T. Fowler
913 Pte. A. Goldsmith		2777 Pte. J. Gill
779 Pte. W. Lyford		682 Pte, R. Hancock
447 Pte. J. Palmer		795 Pte. J. Hazledon
5474 Pte: W. Raven		5476 Pte. H. Lee
121 Lc. Corpl. G. Russell		867 Pte. A. Latchford
690 Pte. B. Sands		402 Pte. A. Peerless
526 Pte. R. Ashdown		608 LcCorpl. G. Reddcliff
9304 Corpl. S. Christmas		3299 Pte. A. Peters
863 Pte. A. J. Heaver	•	803 Pte. J. Tippeny
202 Pte. A. Lawrence		5801 Pte. E. Watts
5544 Pte. F. Aspin		3683 Pte. W. Willison
5568 Pte. A. Evison		752 Pte. A. Ring

6th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 84.

7th BATTALION.

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DIED.

4087 Pte. H. Brown

3233 Pte. T. J. Linden

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4796	Pte.	W. G. Martin	2240 Pte. W. Foot
2208	Pte.	C. Mitchell	2044 Pte. E. W. Green
		G. Oliver	2299 Pte. R. Pankhurst
		F. Challen	2992 Corpl. W. Griffiths
		H. Cooper	2014 LcCorpl. C. Dibbs
17/6	Dło	II Connigh	

MISSING.

1673 Pte. A. Burtenshaw

7th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.
Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War.

11 Died.

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 17. N.B.--" Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning." THE REPORT OF THE PERSON OF TH



Lieut.-Colonel Percy M. Robinson, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Battalion.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. Robinson, C. M. G., Commanding 1st Battalion. We purposely describe him thus, as his appointment to the command of a Brigade has not yet—October 6th—been gazetted, and because we think that as he has been so many months in command of the Battalion he would prefer to be thus designated. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Griffith Boscawen, Commanding 3rd Battalion.

We regret to announce that from the 1st January next we shall be compelled to raise our terms of subscription, which will be as follows:—

Four shillings a year, including postage. Copies will be sold to N.C.O.'s and men serving, or who have served as such, at one penny per number. If sent by post, two shillings a year.

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Correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, Queen's Own Gasette, The Barracks, Maidstone. Copy for insertion should reach the Editor not later than the 25th of each month.

The increase in the Postal Rates would alone justify raising the subscription, each copy which now can be sent for one

halfpenny will from November 1st cost one penny.

But there are other reasons. Before the war the Terms of subscription for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6/- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 3/a year. Will others do the same, or rather at 4/-? In normal times the paper only just paid its way, and there were only a few shillings in the fund on August 1st, 1914. It is true that owing to new battalions having been raised, and the consequent large sales, there is now a substantial balance Every month, however, the sales-though not the copies distributed, which last month reached 3,000—decrease, as directly a Battalion goes on service they are not asked to contribute their subscriptions, but are supplied each with 100 copies free. There are now six battalions on this footing, and of course shortly there will be more.

120 copies of the paper are also sent free to the various hospitals in the United Kingdom, for any men of the Regiment who may be patients, and several letters have been received saying that the gift is much appreciated.

Also owing to the paper now being nearly double the size it used to be, the cost of printing is greatly increased; the reproduction of photographs adds also to the expense, and for the last two months the expenditure has exceeded the receipts. We should be very loth to reduce the size of the paper, or to cease the printing of the photographs, but unless we get more subscribers it may be necessary to do this.

Will not every subscriber induce even one other person

to take the paper?

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The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of the following Subscriptions and Donations.

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Lieut,-Colonel P. M. Robinson, C.M.G Miss Creery	5	5	0
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I. Campbell Bannerman, Esq	6	0	0
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J. A. Graham Wigan, Esq Sept. 29th—W. Lindley-Jones, Esq., Mayor of Bromley	5 2	0	0
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BALANCE SHEET.

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Have been received from the following -

Miss Keays Young. Mrs. J. A. Fisher. Mr. Frederick Thomas.

Mr. Hensley. Mrs. Buckle.

The Misses K. and E. Poole.

Mrs. F. W. Burbury. Maidstone and District Central Fund.

Mrs. Arthur Knox.

The Servants at 12, Grimston Avenue, Folkestone

Miss Mann. Miss Johnston.

Mr. Simpson (son of the late Capt. O. B. Simpson).

Mrs. Seligman. Mr. Herbert White.

Mrs. Bridges.

Mrs. G. A. Cooper.

J. A. Graham Wigan, Esq.

Mr. Randall Mercer has very kindly had the Recreation Room Billiard table put in order and given a set of Ivory balls and cues, a present which will no doubt be very much appreciated by all, during the long evening of the coming winter.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions at the Front as specified :-

1st BATTALION : August 26th-Four gross tins milk.

September 3rd -Parcel of socks to D Co., from Mrs. Fisher.

September 8th-22lbs. of muscat cake tobacco.

2nd BATTALION: Septembor 30th-336lbs. of sweets.

2/4th BATTALION: September 7th—14 parcels containing 158 thin woollen shirts.

6th BATTALION: September 28th-Two bales from the Roan School for Girls, of Greenwich, containing shirts, towels, soap,

potted meats, sweets, cigarettes, &c., &c. 7th BATTALION: September 4th—500 candles, 500 khaki handkerchiefs. September 6th—Two gross Corfe's insect pomade, 2½

gross Corfe's coal tar soap, 200 cakes ditto, ditto, 2,016 boxes Bryant and May's safety matches.

A line from Lieut,-Colonel Robinson, 1st Battalion, states that the 15,000 cigarettes sent off on the 25th August have been received.

HONOURS AWARDED.

A letter appeared in the "Globe" last month, which gave the number of decorations awarded to the Brigade of Guards for the first twelve months of the war.

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They are as follows .—						2113	Legion		
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Coldstream Grds. (three Batts.)	1		1	8	2	3	1	5	21
Scots Guards (two Batts.)	1	_	1	5	4	16	1	_	28
Irish Guards (one Batt.)	1	1	_	1	3	14	1	1	22
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Royal W. Kent (one Batt.)	-	101	1	5	5	11		2	24

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

We have been informed that the following men of the 2nd Battalion have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:— Company-Sergeant-Major Elliott, Company-Quarter-Master-Sergeant

Newbrooke, Sergeant Wannell, Musician Bridger, Private Bye, Private G. Howe.

We are indebted for the following to the Kent Messenger :-

Further particulars are now to hand with regard to the gallantry displayed by Private F. G. Floyd, of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, who received the award of the Cross of the Order of St. George from His Majesty the Ozar of Russia. Floyd's parents live at 64, Morgan Road, Bromley, whilst he is a native of St. Mary Cray. The honour was conferred upon him for a particularly gallant act in drawing the enemy's fire during some reconnoitering, by means of which his officer was able to get clear, and they escaped together. Floyd was called up at the outbreak of the war, having only just completed his time in the Regulars, which had been chiefly spent in the East. He went out with the second draft of the Royal West Kents and thus missed Mons, but was present at the Battle of the Aisne, twelve months ago. He went through Neuve Chapelle, where they were subjected to practically continuous shelling, about one hundred to the hour. Here Floyd was wounded on October 26th after a gallant deed. A number of men in one of the platoons were reported buried in a fall of earth caused by a shell, Captain (now Major) Tulloch called for ten volunteers to dig them out, and Floyd was one. It was dangerous work with the shells dropping round all the time, to say nothing of a couple of machine guns barking away at them. One man had his legs blown off through the bursting of a shell, and three others, of whom Floyd was one, were hit. Floyd was injured about the right eye, a piece of shell embedding itself there.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. IN SEPTEMBER.

Mrs. Bingham-Stevens, Nov. 1915; Mrs. Markham. Dec., 1916; Sergt-Inst. Darley, March, 1916; Lee.-Corpl. Woods, Dec., 1916; Miss Cole, Dec., 1915; Pte. T. A. Crane, Aug., 1916; Coy. Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Sullivan, Aug., 1916; Mr T. Crockford, Aug., 1916; Sergt-Major Skeer, Dec., 1916; Mr. A. Smith, July, 1916; Mrs. Mills, Sept., 1916; 9th R.W.K., Aug., 1915; Major Roche, Dec., 1915; Pte. E. Carter, April, 1916; Mr. G. F. Frankling, Dec., 1916; Mr. L. Hill, Dec., 1916; Brig.-General Style, Dec., 1916; Mrs. Phillips, Aug., 1916; Mrs. A. M. Ross, to Dec., 1915; Lieut.-Col. Robinson, C.M.G., Dec., 1921; 10th R.W.K., Sept., 1915; 2/5th R.W.K., Sept., 1915; Miss Bartlett, Aug., 1916; Miss H. F. Cohen, Dec., 1916; Rev. Canon Lister, Aug., 1916.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mr. J. L. Spoor has kindly sent us the following information:-No. 7631 Lee,-Cpl. S. Hayhurst, 1st Battalion, died in Prison Camp at Alten, Grabow, Germany on the 28th July last.

No. 6535 Pte. W. Cole, 1st Battalion, has been traced to gaol at Spandan Fortress, Berlin.—See page 3361 of August issue.

No. 5548 Pte. J. Organ, 1st Battalion, reported as Missing on page 3372 of our September issue, is a Prisoner of War at Wahn-bei-Cöln.

Mr. Spoor also informs us that nearly all our Prisoners of War were wounded, a large majority having been picked up by the Germans during the retreat from Mons.

SECOND BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

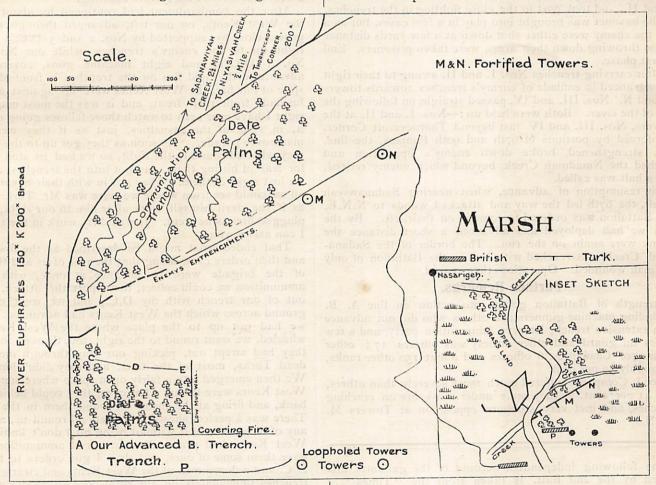
2nd BATTALION.

At last we have had our chance, and we came out of it well—the boys went in like tigers; our losses were nearly all in the first onslaught on the enemy's trenches on the left bank of the river, which we carried in ten minutes practically by ourselves.

Early in July a Brigade with some guns was sent to take Nasariyeh. They met with opposition some 20 miles south of it, this was overcome, and the Brigade pushed on to within three or four miles of Nasariyeh. Here the Turks were found strongly entrenched in a position either side of the river with each flank on a marsh. Our Brigade and more guns were

centre i.e., the right hand trenches off A B, as shown in the sketch, on the left flank, Our Commanding Officer asked the Brigadier to allow him to try and carry the trenches at da wn, but he decided to make use of a great preponderance of Artillery, to begin with a bombardment, and make the dash for the trenches opposite A. B. directly afterwards. However, we got the job of leading the attack, and were thoroughly successful. We got in so quickly that we caught them like rats in a hole. We must have killed 400 in the trenches alone. We append a detailed account of the action, which took place on July 24th.

The orders (verbal) given to the Battalion were for Nos. I. and III. Companies to lead the attack from the trench A. B.



sent up and reached this spot between 12th and 16th July Meanwhile the situation had assumed something like that in France; both sides in trenches from 300 to 1,200 yards distant from each other – with Artillery duels each day. At night the Turks used to open a musketry fusillade lasting for about three hours, to which we hardly replied. It is estimated they fired about 500,000 rounds some nights, and bagged a few of our men. The Battalion had only four casualties during these fireworks. On the 16th an attempt was made to turn the enemy's right flank, but it failed, and the 24th Punjab Infantry lost rather heavily. It was then decided to try and pierce the

I. on the right, III. directing with their left on the river bank, each in three lines, viz. :-

Scouts, then one platoon, then three platoons.

The remaining two Companies under Major Kitson were to come into advanced trench immediately it was vacated by I. and III., ready to support attack when required. No. II. behind I., IV. behind III., next river.

No other orders were given, but it was pointed out that after carrying trenches, to ensure thorough success, I. and II. would have to swing to their right so that they might enfilade

enemy's trenches towards towers M. and N., and so facilitate capture of that flank.

Bombardment opened punctually at 5 a.m. About 5.20 a.m. Scouts crept over parapet and went forward to margin of

wood behind C.D.E. (vide sketch).

At 5.30 a.m. Nos. I. and III. Companies commenced advance and reached the line C.D.E. . . There they were held up and, as enemy's fire seemed stronger than our own, the remaining two Companies were called up. The reinforcing Companies gave fresh impetus to the leading line and carried them forward.

In the open, from the left of D to E, they could not make much ground; but on the extreme left, opposite C, Major Kitson led portions of III. and IV. right into enemy's right flank trench and carried it.

A few moments afterwards the whole line surged forward,

and reached the trenches.

One Company 90th Punjab Infantry were close behind Nos. I. and II., and took part in the close fighting in the trenches.

The bayonet was brought into play in a few cases, but as a rule the enemy were either shot down at a few yards distance or, on throwing down their arms, were taken prisoners. End

of first phase.

After carrying trenches Nos. I. and II. swung to their right and advanced in enfilade of enemy's trenches towards towers M. and N. Nos. III. and IV. passed straight on following the line of the river. Both were held up:-Nos. I. and II. at the Towers, Nos. III. and IV. just beyond Thorneycroft Corner. Reinforced by portions of 67th and 90th Punjabs, the line, thus strengthened, broke down enemy's opposition and reached the Nmadmah Creek, beyond which enemy retired, and a halt was called.

On resumption of advance, when nearing Sadanawiyah Creek, the 67th led the way and attacked woods to N.N.E. The Battalion was ordered to come in on their left. time we had deployed and advanced a short distance the enemy were again on the run. The border of the Sadanawiyah Creek was reached with loss to the Battalion of only one man wounded. Operations then ceased.

Further Remarks.

Strength of Battalion going into action on line A. B. (excluding machine gunners and others who did not advance from extension trench, Reserve Ammunition party, and a few others on guard and other duties) was officers 17; other ranks 470. Casualties, 6 officers and about 150 other ranks, or roughly 33 per cent.

No. I. Company suffered much more severely than others, viz., 41 per cent. as they came under cross fire on reaching trenches, and met very stubborn opposition at Towers M.

and N.

The following independent account of the gallantry displayed by the 2nd Batt. is taken from the "Times" of September 16th.

WEST KENTS ON THE EUPHRATES.

BRILLIANT ATTACK AT NASIRIYEH.

Victory over Turks.

We publish below extracts from a letter by a British officer serving with the Field Force in Mesopotamia describing our victory over the Turks at Nasiriyeh on July 24, in which the Royal West Kent Regiment played a brilliant part.

Here we are in successful occupation of Nasiriyeh, after the most successful action that has yet been fought in

Mesopotamia.

The positions we occupied before the battle were on both sides of the Euphrates. The Turks were about evenly distributed on both flanks, with long successive lines of very strong entrenchments extending for about a mile on each side, Facing them we had two brigades on the right or westerly bank, and one brigade (ours) on the left bank. One brigade was held in reserve and didn't come into action at all, while we attacked simultaneously on the right and left banks respectively.

The attack was planned for July 24, and at 4.30 a.m. we commenced a bombardment of the enemy's foremost trenches with howitzers, mountain, and field guns. I was in our foremost trench with my Double Company, only 400 yards away from the trenches our guns were bombarding, so I had

a beautiful view of the lyddite bursting.

After the bombardment had continued for about an hour the West Kents, on our lest, advanced through the date groves close by, supported by Nos. 2 and 3 D.C.'s of ours, right up to the enemy's trenches, while our No. 4 and No. 1 D.C.'s, and eight machine guns, covered their advance with rapid fire on the trenches in front of us. In spite of our fire, the West Kents were up against a terrific fusillade from their front, and it was the most magnificent sight I have ever seen to watch those fellows going on under it, in spite of the casualties, just as if they were on a manœuvre parade. As soon as they got up to the trenches they wheeled round to the right, so we had to stop our fire for fear of hitting them, and got into the trenches, and then we lost sight of them. They got in with their bayonets, and all we could see from where we were was Mr. Turk running as if the devil himself were after him to our right, and we plugged him as he went. It was dirty work in the trenches, I can assure you.

That ended what might be described as the first phase, and then orders came along that the rest of us and the whole of the brigade were to advance at once, with all the ammunition we could collect, to support the attack. out of our trench with my D.C., and we went over the ground across which the West Kents had advanced. When we had got up to the place where the West Kents had wheeled, we went round to the right, too, through the trench they had swept out, picking our way through mounds of dead Turks, most of the time, and they didn't look nice! We then emerged into a fairly open space where some of the West Kents were taking what cover they could behind a low bank, and firing at the enemy all round them in the woods. There was a perfect shower of bullets all round us, and how any of us got out of it without being hit I don't know. The West Kents had practically run out of ammunition, so we gave them some of ours, and then I got orders to take my D.C. and a dozen men of the West Kents and clear out some trenches immediately on our right, and go on afterwards to take two towers, from loop-holes of which we were being pretty heavily fired on.

Missed at Ten Yards.

So off we went, a sergeant and myself ahead, then the rest of the West Kents and my Sikhs following up behind, all shouting and hurrahing ourselves hoarse. And then we did some pretty work, too! They had a lot of matting (chetai) over the tops of their trenches, to keep the sun off, and we ran along rooting this stuff up and sticking them underneath, they letting off their rifles at us all the time. One of them blazed his rifle off at me from about 10 yards at the most,

and missed me !- and then I pricked him with my revolver! It was a hand-to-hand fight all along the trench, which extended up to the towers, and it was all over in about 15 We took a lot of prisoners and rifles and ammunition, but we accounted for many more dead than prisoners. Having got the towers and put a guard on each, we took a breather for about 10 minutes, while we bandaged up the wounded, left them there, and then went on to another long line of trench, which extended right up to the edge of a creek, which was the extreme left of their position. This also had a village at the end of it, with another couple of towers. Clearing out this second trench was practically a repetition of the first one, except that they didn't show quite so much

About the time we took the last towers was, I think, the same time as the whole show was practically decided, as we could see them all running away on our left, and their fire had considerably diminished all round. Anyway, as soon as we signalled back that we had got the towers we got orders to occupy the ground we were then on and not advance any further. So we stayed the night there. The result was the same everywhere, on both banks of the river.

We captured 14 of their guns. I don't know how many rifles, and how many thousand rounds of ammunition, and their casualties are estimated at a minimum of 800 killed and 400 prisoners on our side of the river alone. It is impossible to tell how many of them were wounded. The whole place is strewn with their accoutrements and equipment, and what is left of them is in full retreat towards Kul-ul-Amara.

Yesterday we made a triumphant entry into Nasiriyeh and this morning the British flag was hoisted over the town with a salute of 21 guns.

We are indebted to the Kent Messenger for the two following accounts of

LETTERS FROM PRIVATE J. H. WOOD AND CORPORAL A. C. HEDGE.

THE CAPTURE OF NASIERGH.

Private J. H. Wood of B Compnny, 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, attached to the Indian Expeditionary Force, writes a stirring account of the engagements in which the West Kents are participating in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf. This account is included in a long letter which he has sent to his aunt at Sevenoaks, dating it from Nasiergh on August 1st, when the Battalion was taking a short rest under the palm trees a few days after the battle.

Nasiergh, it appears, was captured on July 24th, and describing the battle

the writer says : "Now we have all been taught how stubborn the Turks are when they are in the trenches, and what a lot they can stick, but once they leave their trenches all is lost; they haven't got the same heart to fight in the open as they have in the trenches.

TACTICS OF THE TURKS.

"Well, to go on. The Turks, Kurds, and Arabs had been entrenching themselves very hard for quite a long time. We could see them working quite plainly, night and day. To avoid our advance upon them, they sunk two steamers across the river to stop our gun boats. Of course, we took it all in good part. We never worried them much. Only at times, when they began to get too brave and show us what they were doing, did our big guns bark. This very soon learned them to wait until darkness came. While they were doing all these things little did they began they were doing all these things little did they began they were doing all these things. were doing all these things, little did they know what we were doing, until one morning they found the British and Native troops only a distance of 500 yards from them in trenches. They knew we were going to attack them, but That puzzled them, so they used to pour in a very heavy fire when I that puzzled them, so they upon our troops at night, and sometimes in the morning, simply because they were frightened of us. We all knew that that was what it was done for: were frightened of us. We all knew that that was what it was done for; they hadn't entrenched themselves sufficiently to make them confident of victory.

"OUR CHANCE AT LAST."

"All went well until the evening of July 23rd, when we were all told that at 5.30 the next morning we were going to try to drive the enemy out of its position. How happy my Regiment were to think that after all these months of weary trekking, trying to get into a fight, our chance had come at last. How pleased the men felt. Every man Jack said 'Victory or nothing!' Think of our 1st Battalion; keep up the honour of the Queen's Own, Royal West Kent; and I am proud to say we succeeded, and every man did his bit

"In the evening our Machine Gun Section, numbering eight in all, were ordered at 7.30 p.m. into our trenches on the right flank. proceeding there the enemy poured a very heavy rifle and big gun fire upon them: but thank God, we had only one man hit, and that was on the shoulder. All got to the trenches quite safely, and other troops moved up in the advance trenches at different times of the night, everybody there safely and soundly unknown to the enemy. The next thing was to wait until daylight came. All was quiet, and men were wishing one another the best of luck and passing remarks about it being the place where Victoria Crosses and D.C.M.'s were won. Everything was said in a hearty joke, but little did they know what they had to go through before winning them, but, thank God, some of the jokes have come true and some may yet wear the medals.

"WEST KENTS, ADVANCE."

"At last the time came. Bang! Bang!! Bang!!! went our big guns. Every man stood to his arms patiently waiting orders. Gun after gun answered to its call. Nasiergh we want, and Nasiergh we are going to have at all cost. Presently the order was passed along 'West Kents advance, and take trenches,' Other men pour into the enemy trenches a very heavy rifle fire. What a terrible noise was heard; we could hardly hear one another speak. The West Kents took the advance trenches and are still carrying on with the attack, How pleased we were to think that they were able to carry the enemy's trenches without a reverse. Then the order came back to us 'Reinforcements wanted to help the West Kents.' How eager the natives were getting. At last their chance had come. 'All troops advance!' What a roar, and how the enemy fled, leaving killed and wounded, four big guns, and thousands of rounds of ammunitions!

VICTORY!

"What a terrible sight it was! Three bayonet charges my regiment made and each one a success. We lost very heavily over it, but thank God it was a victory. When we got the enemy on the run we kept them going all day long; never gave them a chance to get into position again. We were on the go from 5.30 in the morning until 6 o'clock at night; resting here and there when we could. Several poor fellows were struck down for the day with heat stroke, and one died. But oh! on the enemy's side, hundreds killed and wounded, leaving all their big guns behind.

"Our capture that day was twenty-one big guns, eight maxims, over 1,300 rifles, thousands of rounds of big gun and rifle ammunition, and over a thousand prisoners. But my regiment paid very dearly for it; 48 killed and over 100 wounded, and I am very sorry to say of the latter the best part of them will have to lose their limbs, because the enemy fired such deadly bullets. Some of the bullets were quite as big as one's thumb. How so many came out alive I cannot say, and we must all thank God that we are still alive to tell

the story of our glorious battle which was fought on July 24th.

"There is only one here who comes from Sevenoaks, one of my school chums, George Slade, who got a very bad wound in the face. I think the doctors will be able to pull him round so that he won't have to lose his sight. I sincerely hope they do, because he was such a good chap to me. Charlie Harland went through it all right and is in very good health at present."

CHARGING THE TURKS IN PERSIA.

Corporal A. C. Hedge, of the 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment (forming part of the force operating against the Turks in Persia), has written an interesting letter to his mother, Mrs. Hedge, of Sandling Road, Maidstone, in which he says:—"We were told that we had to take the first trench at all We were crouching behind our front trench cover, and their big soft lead bullets were coming at us like a hailstorm. But not a shot was returned by us. Then came the order: 'Charge.' It was no sooner said than done. We were at their trenches in no time, some jumping over the barbed wire, others under, and some falling over. After that I remember but little of what was going on around me. We stood on top of trench after trench and dug them out with our bayonets and with bullets until every man Jack was dug them out with our bayonets and with bullets and very had no sooner got the killed or taken prisoner. A very few got away, as we had no sooner got the first trench than we charged the second, although our brave chaps were dropping, some by bullets and others by shells. . . . The first round I fired I made certain, as I fired it at a big fat Turk at six or seven yards range, and the next four fell like wet sacks. We had about thirty casualties in my and the next four fell like wet sacks. company,"

We are indebted for the following to the "Brockley Borough News":-"I feel proud to be in such a regiment," says Private Edwin Martin, 2nd Battalion "The Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment, in writing home Battailon "The Queen's Own Koyai West Kent Regiment, in Withing none to friends at Lee from the Persian Gulf, where, as last month's casualty lists showed, the regiment have recently lost rather heavily.

"We had been entrenched," writes Martin, "close to the enemy's position, and on July 24th received orders to advance with good heart. The West Kents were the first to make the attack on the enemy's first line, and

took it in quite a short time.
"We then carried straight on, assisted by two native regiments. Fight-

"We then carried straight on, assisted by two native regiments. Fighting lasted from early in the morning until late at night. At sunset we had captured the whole of the enemy's position with the exception of a garrisoned town, which we took two days later."

He goes on to say that the battallon were highly praised for the way in which they fought. "We received messages from King George, the Viceroy of India, the G.O.C. of the Forces at the Persian Gulf, congratulating us on our great victory. At the present time I think my commanding officer is the happiest man alive."

LIEUT.-COLONEL P. M. ROBINSON, C.M.G.

The Regiment will rejoice to hear that Lieut.-Colonel P. M. Robinson has been appointed to the command of the 112th Brigade. The fact that two successive commanding officers of the 1st Battalion have been thus promoted is not only a recognition of their services, but a direct compliment to the Battalion.

Major H. D. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O., is now in command of the Battalion.

COLONEL A. T. F. SIMPSON, V.D.

Our readers will be glad to learn that Colonel Simpson Commanding 2/4th Battalion, who was wounded in the Dardanelles in August, has been sent home, and is progressing favourably.

CAPTAIN G. D. LISTER.

We have received the following news of Captain Lister, His numerous friends will rejoice to hear of his recovery:-

On August 23rd of last year (the Battalion being at St. Ghislain, about eight miles west of Mons), A Company, under Captain Lister, was sent out to support the cavalry, which was reconnoitring. Almost at once a large force of Germans appeared, and A Company suffered heavily. Captain Lister was wounded in the right shoulder, and was for some time paralysed. Being in an advanced position, he was unable to get back, and so was ultimately captured.

He says: "It was not a pleasant experience lying on the ground with a machine gun or two firing over my head. One

shot grazed my head by the ear."

Writing from an up-to-date hospital at Essen on September 15th, 1914, he says:-"I have been treated very well

everywhere I have been."

On October 10th he was moved to Torgau, where he remained till November 24th, when he was sent to Burg. There he stayed till May 19th, when he went to Mainz, where he now is. The change there was greatly for the better in food, accommodation, and facilities for exercise. prisoners are able to play tennis, and had a tournament, in which Captain Lister got to the finals of doubles and singles. They also play stump cricket twice a week. Bridge, minoru, poker, and French lessons help to pass the time, and they have been able to buy a good gramophone with some excellent records. Captain Lister says that his arm, which he was unable to move freely for months, is now practically well. This is greatly owing to one of his fellow prisoners, who has massaged it regularly.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., desires to thank the following newspapers for their courteous generosity in publishing his appeal to West Kent in their columns free of cost:

Kent Messenger.

South Eastern Gazette.

Kent and Sussex Courier.

Kentish Mercury.

Kentish District Times,

These papers have also kindly consented to acknowledge subscriptions without charge.

The subjoined is the letter:

SIR-At the commencement of the war I made a private appeal to the officers, past and present, of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment to contribute to a Fund to provide Comforts for the 1st Battalion. To this I had a most generous response from not only the officers, but also from the N.C.O.'s and men of all the Battalions, old and new, of the Regiment. The total subscribed up to September 6th reaches £1,607 3s. 5d., of which over £1,460 has been contributed by those connected with the Regiment. The balance, and also many gifts in kind, have been given by the general public, and my thanks are due to all who have so generously helped us.

We now have to provide also for the 2nd Battalion, who are fighting in the Persian Gulf, and for the 2/4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Battalions who are now at the Front, to be followed at no distant date by other Battalions, which means that the immediate needs of well over 6,000 men have to be considered; in December last for 1st Battalion one consignment alone cost with postage £350.

If the fund is to be kept up to anything like its requirements, we must ask for outside help, and I, therefore, appeal through the local Press to the people of West Kent. I am confident that many will be glad of this opportunity of showing their appreciation of the gallant services of one of their County Regiments, and now our needs are known, I hope all will feel I am justified in asking for their help. The smallest contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Contributions may be paid to Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Dalison, Depot Royal West Kent Regiment, Maidstone, and marked "Comforts," and will be duly acknowledged.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDMUND LEACH.

Major-General,

Colonel, "The Queen's Own," Royal West Kent Regiment.

The following leader appeared in the Kentish Mercury on September

No folk in England have greater reason to be proud of their representatives at the front during the present war than those of West Kent. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) has covered itself with glory, added richly to its roll of honours, and reflected lustre on the county, and that particular part of it from connexion with which its territorial designation is derived. The regiment is now represented on the various fronts by no fewer than six battalions, and in another column we publish an appeal from the Colonel, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C B. for assistance in providing the gallant fellows with comforts. For what has been done in this direction up to now—by no means little—the officers and a few friends-notably the mistresses and girls of the Roan School, Greenwich-have been responsible, but the fact of so many battalions being now abroad gives ample scope for the people of West Kent to show appreciation widely.

News from the Battalions.

1st BATTALION.

The Officer Commanding the Battalion writes:-

"In the list of those mentioned in despatches is the name of Sergt. Maslin I think this must be a mistake for No 9401 Sergeant W. MARSLIN who was mentioned. Sergeant Maslin although not mentioned in despatches had done excellent work throughout the campaign up to the time of his death as transport Sergeant.

Naturally he had not the same opportunity as other N.C.O.'s of performing any particular act which would bring him to notice, but for all that his good work was thoroughly appreciated and I don't think there is much doubt that our transport horses compare very favourably with any horses in the Army for condition."

[We thank the Commanding Officer for correcting us. We much regret the error.-ED.]

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Since those strenuous days at Hill 60 and Ypres we have had rather a quiet time, as far as actual fighting goes, and have had a very pleasant ten days' rest in a "Back of the Front" village, "Somewhere on the Continent." After leaving the immediate neighbourhood of Ypres, we took up a position which was looked upon as being, and was by comparison, fairly quiet.

In a previous contribution I remarked upon the neat and pretty condition of the cemetery of the P.P.C.L.I.

I now take the palm from the Canadians and hand it to the stretcher-bearers of the Regiment who were so untiring in their successful efforts to make "their" Cemetery the neatest in the neighbourhood.

We have left the remains of Belgium, and have taken over a portion of the lines of the French (don't Censor this as the Germans know it), and the country and conditions are very different. The inhabitants, up to the time of our arrival had not had British troops quartered near them, and after a week had gone by it seemed as if a huge sponge had run amok in the village and sponged out all notices in the vernacular which proclaim that cocoa, eggs, butter, etc., were for sale, and substituted in their place rather crude designs with the same meaning in English. But "Tommy" does not need a notice to let him know where a nice new French loaf is for sale; they seem to smell the baker's shop and continue to "Strafe" it during their stay. The natives do not understand a single word of English, and it is amusing to see a chap looking into a shop window, and then making his selection and proceeding to look up what it is in French, and then finally, inside the shop, lapsing into his mother tongue and demanding "Three penn'orth of Biscuits, please!" We have had the opportunity of listening to more bands this last week than we have during the whole year. First, we were treated to three nights of music by the Band and Drums of the relieved French Brigade, and then our own Divisional Band made its initial appearance and proceeded to "Strafe" Wagner and Mozart with all their noisy might. And a very small corps of Drums has occasionally paraded round the village here, and have done week had gone by it seemed as if a huge sponge had run amok in the village corps of Drums has occasionally paraded round the village here, and have done their little best to kid us we were once again on the Horse Guards' Parade.

The majority of the survivors of "Mons," "Marne," and "Aisne" battles have been granted a short leave to England, and it speaks well for the "Esprit de Corps" of the gallant Queen's Own to say that the "Boys" all return up to time and fit and willing to carry on with their "strafing" of the Kaiser.

Another Battalion of the Regiment has been stationed near us for a time, and many an old Indian or Colonial friendship has been renewed, for several of the senior N.C.O.'s of this other Battalion served with us in the 2nd Battalion. By the way, some of the 2nd Battalion men with the 1st, would like to hear how the 2nd is progressing with its little war "somewhere in Persia." When the Battalion last came back for a few days' rest they were surprised and pleased to see that someone had been thinking of them while they had been digging, for a large cafe has been opened as a Soldiers' Club, where in addition to the Bar, there is Reading, Writing, and, strangest of all, a "Billiard room." Rather imposing, this last title, to an almost bare room with a pocketless 4ft. by 4ft. Bagatelle table, but it is fully appreciated and many thanks are due to the Brigade Chaplain (my "discovery of the age" in an earlier contribution) and his staff for their efforts. On entering the "Club," ahem! one is confronted by the following rather amusing notice and many an old Indian or Colonial friendship has been renewed, for several

PLEASE READ THIS!

There are no rules in this club, but the following "hints" are given for those who come into it.

The Club is not run Just for You but for the man that comes after 1. The Club is not run Just for You but for the man that comes after you, leave something for him as we are Nor out to supply Writing Materials, Papers, Magazines, and other things free of charge for use in billets and trenches, much as we should like to.

II. Pon't rag the Censor, he does his best.

III. The floor is Nor the best place for the papers, and the Club workers have enough to do without dusting the "Daily Mirror."

IV. Try not to talk about the War.

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The Chaplain has also obtained the use of a fair sized concert room where all and sundry can, and apparently do, air their vocal efforts. Next month I hope to be able to give an account of a Regimental Concert.

3rd BATTALION.

On Sunday, September 5th, after Church parade, Brigadier-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., presented Distinguished Conduct Medals to No. 7,847 Acting Sergeant E. Dennington and No. 7,982 Private G. Johnson, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to No. 4,755 Sergeant T. Dorrell. It will be remembered that Sergeant Dorrell has already won the D.C.M. in South Africa. The Brigadier addressed the parade (3rd Batt. Northamptons, 6th Batt. Middlesex, and ourselves), and, after reading out how each medal was won, emphasised the high value that should be placed on a Distinguished Conduct Medal, especially in this war. He then pinned the medals on the breasts of the recipients and shook hands with each. with each.

Our football season opened on the 1st with a match against the 3rd Battalion The Queen's, and resulted in a draw of one goal each. On the 4th we played Gillingham and lost 3-1; the financial result was very good, and a sum of over £20 was sent to the Comforts Fund, £5 to St. good, and a sum of over £20 was sent to the Comforts Fund, £50 St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, and over £4 to the Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone. On the 11th we had a return match with The Queen's, and won by one goal to none. On the 16th we played the Depot Training Battalion and lost 3—2; there was again a "gate" at this match, which was played on the Gillingham ground, and we are sending £25 to Maidstone for the Comforts or Compassionate Funds.

The Officers played a return match at tennis against the 5th and 6th Dublin Fusiliers, but were again beaten after a strenuous match.

We have sent another batch of officers, N.C.O.'s and men to a Garrison Battalion, and we wish them luck in their new duties, wherever they

The following officers joined the Battalion during the period August 28th to September 24th:-

Regular: 2nd Lieut, E. A. Sharpin (wounded, from 1st Battalion). Special Reserve: 2nd Lieuts. W. O. C. Sewell, J. H. P. Southan, E. J. Coltman, A. W. P. Henfrey, G. M. Gray, C. S. Milford, W. Booth, G. B. Hallowes and J. H. Battishill (all first appointment). Second Lieut. E. E. Lamb (Special Reserve, first appointment) should have been included in the list of those joining last month.

The following officers left the Battalion during the same period:-

Special Reserve: Major C. F. Beeching, Lieut. G. B. Harris and 2nd Lieut. W. B. C. Hall (all to 1st Garrison Battalion Norfolk Regiment).

FIRST 4th BATTALION.

My last contribution, if I remember rightly, dealt at some length with the despatch of our draft to join the 2nd Battalion in the Persian Gulf. Their actual departure I could not describe, as my letter left Jubbulpore by the same train that took them to Bombay. Needless to say, they had a most enhusiastic send-off, almost every officer, N.C.O., and man in the Battalion being on the platform to witness their deparsteamed slowly out they struck up the Regimental March, the strains of which were, however, speedily drowned by prolonged and vociferous cheers from the hundreds who had assembled on the platform.

We have since heard that they arrived safely at Bombay, and after staying there a couple of days embarked for Karachi, where a brief stay was made, and the whole of the troops landed and had a short march for exercise. The last news received was of their arrival at Busrah, and doubtless by this time they have already joined the 2nd Bustalian up country. Battalion up country.

During the week-end that followed the departure of the draft, the G.O.C. Jubbulpore Brigade paid us a flying visit from the hill station (Pachmarhi), where he has been during the summer months, and took the opportunity to make a thorough inspection of the Battalion. In the the opportunity to make a thorough inspection of the Battalion. In the early morning he saw an attack practice carried out by three companies, the later stages of which were made all the more enjoyable to those participating by the fact that they were accompanied by a heavy down-pour of rain. Later in the day he paid a visit to the Barracks, and saw, amongst other things, one company practising the latest approved methods of bayonet fighting, and another successfully negotiating the difficulties and dangers of the obstacle course.

The following day he took the officers out and set them a tactical scheme, this being also carried out in heavy rain. It was particularly gratifying to all ranks to hear that the General's inspection was followed by a very satisfactory report, in which he congratulated the Battalion on the progress shown in all directions. The general tone of his remarks were a welcome change to the caustic comments that almost invariably followed a G.O.C.'s inspection during the earlier part of our stay at Jubbulpore, comments which, though disagreeable, evidently did us a world of good, as he now seems to think we have improved out of all knowledge.

We have now practically finished our 1915 Course of Musketry, and while the results still leave room for improvement, they show an enormous advance on last year's returns. In each company the number of marksmen and first-class shots has increased to a considerable extent, while there are now comparatively few third-class shots in the Battalion.

Full advantage is still being taken of the facilities afforded us of sending representatives to the various Military Schools in India, and in addition to those who have already qualified we have at the present time officers and sergeants away for courses of instruction in machine gunnery, signalling, intelligence, etc.; while three sergeants have just been given their certificates as gymnastic instructors by the Poona School of Physical Training.

Since my last contributions, news has been received of 2nd Lieut. J. Mills, our late Sergeant-Major, who, it will be remembered, on being gazetted to a commission, was ordered to join the 2nd Battalion at the Persian Gulf. In a very interesting letter he lucidly describes the action that took place almost immediately after he had joined the Battalion, and in which they were unfortunate in suffering some rather heavy casualties. He was most enthusiastic over the behaviour of the men of his old Battalion under the very trying conditions in which the action took place, and the tone of his letter amply proves that, although perhaps not quite so much in the limelight as other units of the Regiment, the 2nd Battalion is taking a creditable part in the great and world-wide struggle in which we are engaged, and in that out-ofthe-way corner of the earth, is worthily upholding the glorious traditions of The Queen's Own Regiment.

We have just heard, with great regret, that Colonel A. T. Simpson, our late C.O., and the present commander of the 2/4th Battalion, has been wounded in the Dardanelles. No details are to hand, and we can only hope that his injury is not serious, and that he will soon be back again on duty.

Our own C.O. is at present away from the station on sick leave, and is recovering from a rather severe attack of fever. It may be of interest, perhaps, to note that some little time previous to his illness Lieut. Col. Watney, who is a keen sportsman, was successful in bagging a very fine specimen of a tiger in the jungle some distance out from Jubbulpore.

After a somewhat protracted delay, information has reached us that the promotion of Captain C. B. Robb to Major has been gazetted.

We have arrived at the tail-end of the monsoon. The Football League, which was left incomplete when the hot weather started, has been taken in hand once more, and the few matches which remain undecided are being rapidly disposed of. The following is a table of the results up to date:-

		Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
A Company		12	4	4	4	12
B Company	***************************************	f 11	1	10	0	2
C Company	***************************************	11	. 9	1	1	19
D Company	***************************************	11	3	6	2	8
E Company	***************************************	11	6	5	0	12
F Company	* *************************************	12	. 6	. 4	2	14
G Company		12	2	. 9	1	5
H Company		12	. 9	1	2	20

It will be observed that the League is arranged on the old Eight Company principle, it having been started before the Double Company system was introduced. Apparently the fight for the premier position will lie between C and H Companies, who, curiously enough, are linked together to form B Company under the new system. Cricket and hockey are also being freely indulged in, while a very creditable Rugby football team has been got together and has played several matches during fine intervals in the rainy season.

At the commencement of the present month a team representing the Sergeants' Mess met the Sergeants of the 1st Home Counties Brigade R.F.A. at cricket. The Artillery men, it must be admitted, were weakened by the fact that one of their batteries had left the station, having just previously been transferred to Lucknow. Consequently our men had no difficulty in securing the victory, which they did to the tune of an innings and three runs. The match was a very pleasant and convivial gathering, which it is hoped will be the precursor of many other similar meetings.

SECOND 4th BATTALION.

The Battalion left Bedford on 18th July and embarked at Plymouth for the Dardanelles in one of the Dominion White Star Liners. We had a very pleasant voyage, and were lucky enough to avoid any hostile submarines; although we had made very careful arrangements for dealing with them. We spent 24 hours at Malta, and then went to Alexandria, where we disembarked our Transport and Base Details, including some 200 men and four officers as our first reinforcement. We took the opportunity of our stay there to land for a good route march, as our quarters on the transport were very cramped. After a forty-eight hours' stay we proceeded to Port Said where our Division concentrated, and managed to get some more route marches and sea bathing. From there we all our orders for the landing at Suvia Bay. We were all put on lighters and disembarked from 5 to 7 p.m. on 10th August, under an irritating shell fire, but luckily without any casualties.

All kit bags were left at Alexandria, and the officers' baggage was left

on the ship, as no one was allowed any baggage except the contents of our packs and haversacks. As soon as the disembarkation was complete the Battalion was marched off to the other end of the bay, which we reached at 2 p.m., after a very difficult march of four hours. The following night we had to discard our packs, which we left on the beach, and marched back to our original landing place, where we were detailed for beach duties, which were very strenuous and consisted of unloading all kinds of supplies from the lighters and carrying them across the sand to the base, and getting the water from the water barges and filling the skins for mule transport to the firing line. We were very glad to find an old friend in charge, Colonel Western as Principal Military Landing Officer who gave us every assistance. On the night of 13th August we rejoined our Brigade and were marched inland to relieve the Battalions there in the trenches. We took over about 700 yards of trenches, but found practically nothing done in the way of digging. We were ordered to entrench our line as strongly as possible, and all hands fell to with great vigour. We encountered many difficulties in the matter of rocks, etc., but in a couple of days we had made our position quite good. On the early morning of 16th August your correspondent was unfortunate enough to put his shoulder in the line of a sniper's bullet, but from later information he learns that the Battalion has completed another line of trenches some distance in front of the original line, and after three weeks' real hard work had come down for a few days' rest. The constant shell and rifle fire, from which there was no protection, rendered the work very difficult, but it was tackled and carried through in accordance with the best traditions of the "Queen's Own." In comparison with other regiments in this Expedition, our losses have so far not been heavy. Three officers have been wounded and there have been about 100 killed and wounded in the ranks. We are all in the best of health and spirits.

THIRD 4th BATTALION.

On June 26th we left the Thames and Medway Defences and went into billets at Sevenoaks to continue the training which was interrupted by guard duties. We were billeted in private houses, which is in many ways more satisfactory than being billeted on the inhabitants. It facilitates administration and enables all barrack duties to be carried out, though not so satisfactorily as in a barracks or camp. After very few days we were moved again to undergo three weeks' course in trench digging. This time we were billeted upon the inhabitants. Our billets were about three miles from the trenches.

On 7th August the Home Counties Division was reviewed by Lord Kitchener on the road between Maidstone and Sevenoaks. Troops concentrated at Maidstone and filed past the Secretary of State on the road. It is reported that he expressed special admiration for our horses, a doubtful compliment for an infantry regiment.

On September 2nd the Officers received their friends at Rockdale, which was kindly placed at their disposal. The band again gave a programme, which was very much enjoyed, and which was very creditable, considering that for nearly twelve months no practice was done, surpassed its best performances in former times.

Company football is being organised and practised with vigour. hope later to be able to give you some accounts of matches.

Various concerts and entertainments have been held by the Y.M.C.A. authorities and others, and as the evenings lengthen we are promised

All ranks were sorry to hear that Colonel Simpson had been wounded; but it afforded us great pleasure to know that the wound was not very severe. He paid us a visit and addressed the Battalion on parade on the work done by the 2/4th Battalion.

FIRST 5th BATTALION.

We are still sweating here, and still awaiting the heavy rains. We certainly have had some, but nothing like the quantity that is usual.

Three Companies have completed Table B (Annual Course) and I imagine it will be a fight between A and C for the honour of the title of the "Best Shooting Company,"

Sergeants C. F. Mills and G. H. Cockell and Corporal O. Ashton have attended a three weeks' course of instruction in Physical Training at Poona, and Sergeant F. Addiscott at the School of Cookery, also at

A very important day for the 1/5th was 14th August, when a party of one officer and 40 other ranks were sent off to form part of draft of reinforcement for the 2nd Battalion at the Persian Gulf. It, of course, proved quite an easy matter to find volunteers. The officer who has gone with them is Lieut. T. D. Marshall; the N.C.O.'s were Sergeant-Instructor R. Darley, Corporal Barrow and Marriott.

Roughly 200 of the Battalion were on Jhansi Station to send them off, and the Regimental band playing selections on the platform made it all quite demonstrative. The train left the platform to the accom-paniment of fog signals and quite an uproar of cheering, etc.

August Bank Holiday turned out to be most disappointing with us, as a lot of trouble had been taken by a very active committee of Officers,

N.C.O.'s and men to arrange a "Fair," and at the precise hour timed for opening down came the rain in sheets, and continued the whole night. The usual side shows had been arranged, haunted houses, boxing saloon, The usual side shows had been arranged, haunted houses, boxing saloon, Aunt Sally and the old cocoanut shies, etc. Gymnastic display, concerts and other items of a very interesting nature, but all were doomed to disappointment as aforesaid, and many got a trifle "wet." It was, however, decided to try and carry on with the show on the following afternoon and night. The weather was certainly a bit better, and a certain amount of the items were got through, and taking things in general all round we had a very enjoyable time indeed. The "Queries" gave a show in the Regimental Theatre, and a dance was held in the Gym. Gym.

The Sergeants held a successful whist drive and dance on the customary first Wednesday in the month, there being roughly 150 guests.

I have not yet in my notes forwarded any news of the R.A.T.A. branch of the Battalion. This is very ably run, and Major Jefferiss, R.A.M.C. (the Medical Officer attached to the Battalion) has interested himself very deeply, and with the assistance of the Secretary, Sergt. D. T. R. Gray, it is now quite a successful little institution. It has its Tennis Club, Hockey, Football and Cricket Clubs, and can put some very formidable sides in the field. Ask the Sergeants who they wiped up at hockey by 9—2 during the month?

SECOND 5th BATTALION.



Sergeants of the 2/5th Battalion.

Reading from left to right:-Back row: Lance-Sergt. Henry (Band), Sergt. Larkin, C.Q.M.S. Monger, Lance-Sergt. Wall, C.S.M. Selfe,

Reading from left to Fight:—Back row. Battersergt. Rendy C.Q.M.S., Bennett.

C.Q.M.S., Bennett.

Second row: Sergt. Evans, Lance-Sergt. Smith, Lance-Sergt. Barker, Lance-Sergt. Osborne, Lance-Sergt. Green, Lance-Sergt. Arnold, C.Q.M.S. Springbett, Lance-Sergt. Anderson, Sergt. Schultz (O.R.S.), C.Q.M.S. Withers.

Sitting: Lance-Sergeant Bartlett (Signalling Sergeant), Sergeant Lale (Master Cook), C.S.M. Tye, Sergeant-Major Smith, Q.M.S. Osborne, C.S.M. Hopwood, C.S.M. Tite, Sergt. Munday.

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Lance-Sergt. Ransom (Pioneer Section). In front: Sergt. Palmer (Transport Section),

At the time of writing we are still at Sevenoaks in camp, without much knowledge of our future movements, but it seems more than possible that we are to go into billets when the weather gets too bad for such an exposed position under canvas. Until September 23rd we have had perfect weather, since which date the problem to be solved is: How much water will canvas keep off?

Training has been proceeding as usual, without any unusual incident.

So far, our active part in the war has been the provision of a draft of seven officers and some 300 men for the 2/4th R.W.K. for service in the Dardanelles, but we have recently had an opportunity of upholding the honour of the Regiment in sport.

A Boxing Competition open to the units of the 67th Home Counties Division was held at Tunbridge Wells on September 17th and aroused great interest throughout the Division. Five championship belts were offered—for Bantam. Feather, Light-weight, Middle and Welter-weight. This Battalion of all the Division was the only one to enter for all five.

We secured the belt for the Bantams by hard and good fighting by Pte. Hartigan, of "D" Company, who knocked out Pte. Ellis, of the East Surreys, in the final round.

We won the Feather-weight belt by clever fighting by Pte. Waller, of "C" Company, who, though getting a bad cut of the left eye and injuring his hand in one of the heats, won from Bombardier Jones in the final round after a very hard contest.

We also secured the Light-weight Championship Belt, Pte. Crawley, of "B" Company, knocking out Pte. Skinner, of the 10th Middlesex, in the first heat, and beating Pte. James, of the East Surreys, in the final round.

The contest for the Middle-weight Belt was very hotly disputed. Pte. Hurst, of "B" Company, knocked out Pte. Wenham, of the East Surreys, in one minute, but lost on points on the semi-final to Lance-Corporal Lee of the 4th Buffs,

There was no doubt in the minds of most spectators as to the best man in the Welter-weight Competition. In Corporal Willimott, of "B" Company, we have a straight, clean and hard hitter, who easily won his way into the final. This was with Pte. Rogers, of the East Surreys, who was knocked about badly and sent clean out of the ring during the first half minute However, Willimott received an injury below the belt in a manner which caused an uproar, and although he most pluckily tried to carry on, he was forced to retire. The decision of the

referee was by no means to the taste of the spectators, and the incident spoiled an evening's entertainment which otherwise was a model of clean, straight fighting. It is hoped that a match between Corporal Willimott and Pte. Rogers will shortly be arranged.

Regimental Sports were held on September 11th in perfect weather, with a large attendance. Great credit was due to the work of the Sports Committee, presided over by Captain S. H. Alston, for the excellent arrangements. Winnters of interesting events were as follows: Tent Pitching, "C" Company beat "D" Company in the final. Inter-company Tug-of-war, "B" Company beat "D" Company in the final. Lemon Cutting, Corporal Sowman winner, Sergeant Palmer and Pte. Barker bracketed second. Prize for the best groomed charger, Pte. Douglas winner, Pte. Capes second. winner, Pte. Capes second.

Inter-Platoon running races were held on September 22nd, marks being given for time, condition at finish, and number competing. The result was very close, No. 7 Platoon winning, No. 6 being a close second, and Nos. 15 and 12 third.

Early in the month we were invited to take part in a Swimming Gala organised by the 3/4th R.W.K. at Sevenoaks. Pte. Randall won the 50 yards open race for us and was second in the relay race. Corpl. Noble, of "B" Company, won Race 8, and with Pte. Hayes, also of "B" Company, were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the obstacle race.

We are naturally most pleased with the Boxing Competition; for one Battalion to take three belts out of five offered, to be in the final of the fourth and the semi-final of the fifth, is doing rather more than could reasonably be expected even considering the Battalion in question bears the name of "The Queen's Own."

It may be of interest to give the names of the four Company Sergeant-Majors and Company Quartermaster-Sergeants in the Companies as now constituted:

"A" Co., C.S.M. J. H. Selfe; C.Q.M.S. T. Bennett
"B" Co., C.S.M. C. Hopwood; C.Q.M.S. T. Withers,
"C" Co. C.S.M. Tye; C.Q.M.S. F. Monger.

"D" Co., C.S.M. H. Tite; C.Q.M.S. Springbett.

Captain C. J. Brigg, of this Battalion, has been appointed Brigade Musketry Instructor.

6th BATTALION.

There is little up-to-date news. The same old round of six days in and six days out. "The out" consists principally of sending working parties in, so the "rest" is only nominal.

We have been inspected twice, once by Lord Kitchener, and once by our Corps Commander, and got through each time very creditably.

People at home have been very kind to us, and we have had numerous People at home have been very kind to us, and we have had numerous presents, among others a packet containing handkerchiefs, matches, laces, and stationery, each from Queen Alexandria's Field Force Fund, and tobacco and eigarettes from the various Newspaper Funds: Daily Express. Weekly Despa'ch, The People, Observer and Express (Bexley Heath), Kent and Sussex Courier, also from Overseas' Club, including School Children of Great Britain, and also from Soldiers' and Sailors' Tobacco Fund.

In these cases each packet contains a Post Card, on which the recipient can write his thanks, and we notice that these postcards appear to go to almost every town in Great Britain, Canada, and the Colonies. We can't say we are being neglected as regards smokes.

The Brewery.

In this quaint little old-fashioned town the Battalion was stationed for some time.

The billets were not good, but there were possibilities. To take our case: here were two sections. The house had the usual French courtyard, with a large portière opening into the road. Inside, an alcove under which stood two three-wheeled waggons. These of course were utilised, and made clean and comfortable. Above, a loft the appearance of which was uninviting; it had, however, to be cleaned up, and within an hour assumed a rather more habitable aspect. Bottles were strewn about, and dirty straw, and worse there was but little ventilation. To remedy this defect tiles were removed carefully. was but little ventilation. To remedy this delect tiles were removed carefully. Below, on entering the courtyard on the left-hand side a couple of holes or "dug-outs," which brought to mind the "cachote" of Loches where the Duc d'Alencon and many others suffered under Louis XI. These also after a little trouble were rendered serviceable. Behind, a garden, walled-in, or what should have been a garden; for it contained little else than a rubbish heap. Outside, lining the road stood the Mechanical Transport, whilst motor busses, in which all hoped to be taken up to the firing line, filed by continually. The house was inhabited by a family of Belgian refugees, some of whom had suffered more than mere indignities at the hands of the enemy.

But the Brewery

Several Companies or parts of Companies were quartered here. The building was spacious, but afforded insufficient accommodation for those appointed. It was a roof, a pis aller in the event of rain or storm. The most sensible though voted to bivouac. As the weather was splendid, and a pretty field offered itself in the background the troops did well.

The Brewery had been a centre when the Germans had held the town, and the machine guns had been placed there. Madame, the wife of the "Patron" was full of the horror and fear inspired by the Germans. How objectionable the Prussian officers had been! The inhabitants had as far as possible concealed themselves, and kept quiet in their houses. "One day we heard the noise of distant firing, gradually it increased, and seemed to draw nearer. What could it mean? People cautiously at first, then more boldly looked out to see what was happening. Ah, it is the English! This was first whispered, then murmured and finally shouted in ever increasing volume. The town went mad with delight. Its one time fear was now converted into joy, and its night-mare passed. The Germans were swept back to the lines which they now hold. Ah, Mon Dieu, les Anglais! Eh, allez comprendre, Monsieur, ce que nons devons aux Anglais."

Madame was very pleased with "the boys" of the Queen's Own, they were "si aimable," they got on so well together, seemed so happy and gave so little trouble. She also praised their splendid physique, which she attributed to English "sport."

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Besides the Brewery there were one or two other features of interest. The Church, similar in structure to many found in the frontier country, was also a tactical position. The German machine guns placed in its tower could sweep four roads for a considerable distance. Beyond the Church following along the paved main road stands a large town, where first the clusive Field Cashier was encountered. It remains to draw one more picture. The Mayor's secretary was a fine old man. He wore a long flowing grey cloak; his hair was a silvery white; he wore gold-rimmed spectacles; his hands and wrist were well shaped and white, and on the little finger of his left hand was a plain gold ring. He was handsome featured and grave, with a firm mouth, belied by a pair of gentle blue eyes. His manners were courteous and easy. He looked like some old statesman or patrician, not of the Southern and more fluid type, but of the Dutch school. Van Eyck or Franz Hals might have made him immortal.

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Life at this town consisted on the one hand of route marches, performed in the early mornings, owing to the great heat; frequent inspections, witness respirator and smoke helmet parades; company, platoon, and physical drill. On the other hand, there were company or platoon cricket matches, tip and run, rounders, catching, punting about and boxing in a field opposite the Brewery, and well-appointed for the purpose.

One day C Company held a Boxing Competition, and some talent was shown. Private Bates has a good and easy style; Private Cox showed form; Private Shepperd fought pluckily against odds; Private Levitt should also develop into a useful light-weight, his left-hand jabs follow one another in quick succession, and would give pleasure to the famous Owen Moran. The entries were good, and the competition was in every way a success.

It would appear, from the number of cricket matches and other games, that the battalion was out at the front for a pastime. But it needed rest, needed also time to assimilate fresh ideas gained "somewhere in France," before it was fitted once more to proceed on its quest. Orders eventually were given for the march, and there ensued another day of sweltering heat, but the battalion was now innured to heat, and did not find the march

surpassingly difficult.

Tutelage.

On the way to the new billets there were some 4.7 guns, skilfully hidden, and seen only by the more observant. It was rumoured that shells, in their endeavour to find them sometimes, fell near by. Such knowledge imparted to all a feeling of delightful insecurity.

This time the billets were farmhouses and barns. The courtyards as usual were filthy. The weather, fortunately, still continued to favour the regiment, thus many were enabled to sleep out of doors. All around were fields full with crops, and small farms were plentiful. In the distance stood a town which had been wrecked by enemy shell fire.

The Scotch regiment to which the 6th Battalion was to be attached for

a course of instruction, sent down to these farms officers and N.C.O.'s to lecture on life in the trenches. It was not long before companies went up to some very excellent trenches, situate about 150 yards from the Germans.

To analyse the feelings of those about to take part in this greatest of all wars was invidious, if not impossible. In most cases expectancy

predominated, some naturally felt rather nervous and many felt a little out of place.

The course of instruction was short but very interesting, and thanks are due to the Scotch regiment for their courtesy. It was whilst still in these billets that a visit was paid to the battalion by its old C.O., Col. Robinson, now in command of the 1st Battalion. Everyone was delighted and proud to see him again.

At length the time came for the 6th Battalion to take over its own line of trenches. Hence followed another weary march. On the line of march at a famous cross-roads stands a church which is shelled intermittently by the Germans. The church, though ruined almost beyond recognition, still contains a figure of the Blessed Virgin which remains untouched.

The Wood.

"Beauty and anguish walking hand in hand The downward slope to death. . . .

Tramp, tramp, tramp, along the never-ending greasy footboards, in which were frequent gaps. The wood was dank, treacherous, yet alluring Bullets rattled amongst the trees without ceasing, and in every direction. Bullets rattled amongst the trees without ceasing, and in every direction. The rain pattered down, and darkness had set in. It would have been depressing had not the appeal of the "ignotum" proved too strong. There were the usual wood noises, the trees swaying to and fro, not happily, but desolately, with that far-off ominous sound; movements on the ground, withing rustling. . .

By day, in fine weather, in the afternoon, when friend and foe sleep, if the artillery allows them, the wood is of rare beauty, flowers there are in profusion, rushes and ponds. But scratch only the surface, and there are the dead: both English and German. The smells of the wood will be for Beneath all the lovliness of nature a spirit of all time a memory abhorrent. evil always seems to obtain.

But the wood was not unfriendly to the English. Its reposeful dignity had been disturbed, its conservative acceptation of sameness had been rudely interfered with. Moreover, the warriors that perforce it had to shelter are only illustrating Hook's contention that "vice and force are the two cardinal virtues in a primitive state." For this war has shown only too frequently that man is still a primitive being with uncontrolled animal passions.

passions.

The wood has its finer qualities. Its beauty alone does good, the smell of its fresh flowers and its foliage in some part counteracts the smell of decomposition. And when dark has come it pursues its anger no longer, but allows to the buried that repose which hitherto has been exclusively

To change the scene to the firing line for a few minutes. a huge trembling of the earth was felt, and great volumes of earth and stones were seen hurled upwards and outwards in all directions, and then again quiet and a huge hole.

At the time Privates Horslen and Clements of B Company were in close provingity to the lightening proct. The former of these was buried, the latter

proximity to the listening post. The former of these was buried, the latter half covered in earth; but he freed himself, and helped to uncover his comrade. This he did after the shock of the mine explosion and under "rapid." Lance-Corporal Garrett also went down to the position and Horslen was dug out.

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Another period was spent in reserve. Company Head Quarters were in a delightful log-hut, recently portryed in an English illustrated paper. The "petit cheval blanc" of the West Kents is carved on the outside.

Behind was stationed the "phantom" battery. This battery appeared to fire from every position, but no one ever saw it move, or yet heard it.

The day came to leave the wood for next billets. The great feature here was the baths. The inimitable "Monsieur" was always at hand, and touring in the background, heard of but never seen, the all great and all powerful "mecanicien" without whose assistance the abundant supply of hot water cannot be obtained. The town itself was monotonous dull and rather sordid. But the billets were good, and the people, composed of Flemish, French, and Spanish elements, were friendly. Not very far away stands a famous town of Northern France. of Northern France.

Parades here were easy and life pleasant. When the rest was over the battalion proceeded to some farm buildings, where working parties for trench digging started. And thence up to a new line of trenches, for unfortunately the glories and horrors of the wood had gone for ever for the West Kents.

7th BATTALION.

Eight weeks overseas, two—and those by far the best of all—in the trenches, such has been our Summer campaign. We have slain as yet no tens of thousands, and the tale of our own losses is happily few. But for all that, we have worn out enough English leather by this on dusty Norman roads, and blunted English picks enough on the stubborn flints of Picardy. And even if we have had a long time in billets, it would be a highly poetic license to call it rest.

As ill-luck would have it, we have lost two A Company officers and the radiant presence of our Quartermaster—not for long, we trust—by sickness and accident. But we certainly owe the 9th an expression of our gratitude for the quality of the drafts they have sents us—if only they could bring themselves to spare us back some of the officers we lent them two months

since!!

Meanwhile, we wait-for winter and Hindenburg to come West-and the later the one and the sooner the other, the better for us.

8th BATTALION.

With great regret we hear unofficially that the 8th Battalion suffered very severe losses during the last week in September, but no particulars have been received up to the time of our going to press.

9th BATTALION.

Shoreham at last! There was so much talk about our move, so many gusses and rumours, that it seemed hardly true that we are at length enjoying sea breezes from the channel and breathing the healthy atmosphere of the Sussex Downs. It had seemed as though we were never to get here, even when our advanced party were awaiting us. The Battalion came on Sept. 13th, and it was with mingled feelings that some of us, at any rate, left Colchester where we had spent four months. So far as barracks go, the Goojerat at Colchester were all that could be desired, and to come to live in huts is a new experience to most.

We travelled in two parties from Colchester, leaving the old town as quietly as we had entered it. There was no demonstration as was the case when we left Chatham, but of course the Battalion had mingled more with the populace at the latter place through being in billets, and moreover our

stay in Chatham was a longer one, and in our own county. Only a compara tively few people were aware of our departure, and those were attracted to their doors by our excellent drums which played the first and larger party to the station. We made quite a detour of London, and the spectacle of a troop train filled with "gentlemen in khaki ordered South," gave obvious pleasure to the thousands of people who watched it from their windows. So much then for our journey to Shoreham.

We are now in huts which were occupied for a time by the 8th Battalion. The camp is situated on a slope of the Downs, and is about half an hour's walk from the sea. During the few days we have been here the weather has been kind to us, and consequently life is for the moment decidedly pleasant. There are bathing parades daily and officers and men gladly seize the opportunities presented to take dips in the "briny." We will not venture a prediction as to what the camp will be like in bad weather. There is not a superabundance of accommodation for officers some of whom sleep twenty in one but. But then its war time and officers who have the privilege of wearing one hut. But then its war time and officers who have the privilege of wearing the Royal West Kent badge are—well, fairly numerous. Brighton and Hove of course, are quite handy—about five miles away, and Worthing is within easy walking distance. To get to either of these resorts, however, one has to be armed with a pass. This order also applies to officers below the rank of Captain.

Two more drafts have left us for France, well trained, keen and well set up young fellows all. How officers of the Battalion long to join them! We have good reason to be proud of the material which the Battalion has

provided,

We like every month to say something about our "Drums" for the reason that they are such an asset to the Battalion. They are part and parcel of us now, and every month the quality of the music with which they treat us improves. They have been getting new marches recently, so that treat us improves. They have been getting new marches recently, so that their repertoire is now fairly extensive. Moreover, a regimental orchestra has come into being lately and its first public performance at a Battalion concert just before we left Colchester was quite a success. The Sergeant Drummer conducted. The orchestra played the march "With sword and lance," the Overture "Diademe" and selections from Faust. Songs were contributed by Lieut. Innocent, 2nd Lieut. Harris, Drmr. Waite, Sergt. Moore, Pte. Robson, Drmr. Ross, Lee.-Sergt. Bolter, Lee.-Cpl. Ridley, Sergt. Hosmer, Pte. Avard and Sergt.-Drmr. Collins; while Sergt. Smith gave a cornet solo and Pte. Pryor was responsible for a musical monologue.

One Officer, 2nd Lieut. Martin, has left us for the West Coast of Africa.

The Officers of the Battalion are at present attending a course of lectures by 2nd Lieut. C. Adams, who has recently been posted to us, having previously been lecturing with the 10th Battalion, the subject being Military Topography.

Before leaving Colchester the Battalion played the Bedford Regiment at cricket on the Castle Park ground. We were unfortunate in having only one recognised bowler on our side (Q.M.S. Matthes), and, although Lieut. Thompson rose to the occasion by taking five of the eight Bedford wickets which fell, our defeat was rather crushing. Batting first the Bedfords declared at 168 for 8, leaving us over two hours to make the runs We certainly can claim that the light was very bad, but our batting was worse! After losing seven wickets for 19 runs Lieut. Brett (16) and Lieut. R. Wade 11) made a slight stand, but the innings closed for 55.

As was anticipated Shoreham provides no space suitable for cricket, but already football is in the air, and we have been tentatively challenged by the 3rd Royal Sussex Regiment, who are stationed at Newhaven, to play them at Rugger.

It is a pleasant change after the "Zeps" at Colehester to have the Shore-ham Aerodrome providing us with a less fearsome form of aerial navigation to watch, the evolutions of the R.F.C. being quite an interesting spectacle.

Lieut. Millar has been appointed Assistant Provost Marshall to the Brigade.

One of the legacies which the 8th Battalion left us has already gained a certain amount of notority. I refer to the Regimental goat. This docile beast showed its appreciation of the 9th Battalion by butting one of our officers on the day we arrived. Since then, in order to quiet its restless uature, it has been allowed to wander free about the camp, and though it has evinced no further butting tendencies it loves to get under the huts and wants weight noises by sharpening its horns on the floor heards! make weird noises by sharpening its horns on the floor boards!

On September 23rd, the first smoking concert was held in the Serge ants Mess. Owing to the very limited accommodation it was impossible to issue as many invitations as we should liked to have done, but the company was honoured by the presence of Colonel Burt, our second in command, and several other officers.

Regimental Sergeant-Major McVicar was in the chair. After the Kingy Lance-Corporal Hogarth played a pianoforte solo. He also proved himself to be an efficient accompanist. The first song of the evening was given by Sergeant "Pony" Moir, who was greatly applauded for his rendering of the "Light of Day." Later in the programme he gave "Thora." which was also sung in fine style. Sergeant Wheatley next sung "In between," a predicament which is, according to the song, most awkward at times. The next to oblige was C.S.M.I. Harrigan of the Aldershot Gymnastic Staff. He proved a capable humorist, and delighted his hearers with little "fairy tales" of "blue stockings," and the general conduct of the "girls in Spain." Sergeant Drummer Collins sang "Boys of the Chelsea School," and "Till the boys come home." in admirable style. These songs suited the occasion admirably, and right heartily did the audience join in the choruses. "Queen of the Earth" was very well sung by Sergeant Hogg. Our venerable postman,

Sergeant Hosmar sang "The Pilgrim of Love" in a way that might confirm his constant claim to youthfulness. Next came the "hit" of the evening. It was a song entitled "Shoreham-by-Sea," composed by Lance-Sergeant R. Jupp, and sang by C.A.M. F. W. Rogers, who brought down the house with his naturally humorous style. As the title suggests the song was distinctly "local" in colour, and each verse which called to mind something familiar, was greeted with loud laughter. So popular did it prove that it was demanded a second time later on a second time later on.

a second time later on.

Staff-Sergeant Bennett now gave us a musical monologue, entitled "My Pipe," for which he was greatly applauded. The next contributor was our Quartermaster, Lieut. Wood. His hearty rendering of "The Commissionaire" fully merited the rounds of applause which it elicited. Two recitations were given during the evening. The Chairman, by special request, recited "Back to the Army Again," and delighted everyone with that popular poem. The other recitation, entitled "The Green Eye of the Yellow God," telling of the wildness of "Mad Carew," was well rendered by Sergeant Gush. well rendered by Sergeant Gush.

It is to be hoped that the concert will be the forerunner of several similar gatherings, for it is quite certain that more artists will come forward at the next time of asking Even the inimitable "Jim," who sang "We are the West Kent Boys," may be persuaded to sing earlier in the avening part time in the evening next time.

The Cricket Team of the 9th Battalion ended the season with a Charity Match—and very successful was the affair. The match was arranged by C.Q.M.S. Matthes, and took place at Southwark Park, London, on Saturday, August 14th. The game was witnessed by quite 2,000 people, and ended in a win for the local Park side by 7 runs. The local side batted first, and were dismissed for 67. Mr. W. Matthes, the brother of C.Q.M.S. Matthes, scored 39. He batted very well, but one hears a rumour that Lance-Corpl. Wycherley, W. Matthes, jun., and W. Matthes, sen., had a quiet "confiab" prior to the game starting. Again, the score when he departed was 67, and no more runs were scored. The remaining nine batsmen never scored a run. Our boys were dismissed for 60, 1 ut they were too busy collecting money to trouble about scoring runs. Wycherley, Matthes, Pryke and Taylor between them collected £9. A betwy of young ladies were outside the Park gates with collecting boxes. The amount collected was £30. After printing expenses were deducted, £20 was handed to the Princess Pat Hospital, and £7 13s. to Front. All our men paid their own expenses. A word of thanks is due to Mr. E. Burgess and Mr, W. Matthes, sen., for the way they worked on S.M. Snelling, C.Q.M.S. Seal, C.Q.M.S. Matthes, Sergeants Clarke, Jarrett, Hill, Stanway and Bolter, Lance-Corporals Wycherley, Taylor, Jefferson, Gray, Medcalf and Pte. Seamons. The Cricket Team of the 9th Battalion ended the season with a

10th BATTALION.

It is regretted that news of the 10th Battalion was not forwarded for August, but we have been "all out" for work, and consequently there

is little to relate.

Our stay in camp since the Battalion has been formed has been an exceedingly pleasant one, and judging by the appearance and general disposition of the Battalion, there will be many sighs when we have to vacate the present surroundings, although of course we are all anxious to "get on" with the job we are here for.

There has been but little sport in the way of football since the season There has been but little sport in the way of football since the season opened, the Battalion having played only two matches. This, of course, is only natural, as there are so few teams in the neighbourhood. Our first match was against the Victoria Works, Maidstone, and resulted in an easy win for the Battalion by eight goals to one. The Battalion team proved its training, and in the end the game was little more than a farce, and the opposing team absolutely "stood still."

The second match was of a more even nature—our opponents being the 13th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment—and ended in a victory for the 10th Battalion by three goals to two.

Our first open-air concert was given during the early part of August, and was greatly appreciated. Many thanks are due to C.S.M. Redmond and his Committee for the splendid programme put before us. The attendance of all the officers in camp was also greatly appreciated. It is to be hoped that when we arrive at (?)—our new station—we shall have many other concerts, especially now that winter is approaching.

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Our training and work is at present very strenuous. "Everyone" is working hard trying to learn "Everything," and the marked progress that the Battalion is making is nothing short of magnificent. We have been extremely lucky in having the help of a few of the 2nd Battalion Instructors, and great credit is due to them for the way they have as-

Instructors, and great credit is due to them for the way they have assisted the Battalion to gain its present state of efficiency.

A Recruiting March was undertaken by "B" Company, under Captain the Hon. P Bowes-Lyons, last month to Edenbridge and district. Next week a visit it to be paid to Bromley by "A" Company, and it is hoped that good results will be forthcoming. This latter visit is part of a great Recruiting Rally, which is to be held throughout the county. Before concluding, I would like to point out that we are the delighted possessors of a band, which, although not at present up to the standard of the former "Queen's Own" bands, gives much promise for the future under the able leadership of Bandmaster Blake, formerly of the

standard of the former "Queen's Own" bands, gives much promise for the future under the able leadership of Bandmaster Blake, formerly of the Gordon Highlanders and East Kent Yeomany. The drums also are progressing somewhat, and it is recognised that we shall hold our own with the bands at our future station.

11th BATTALION.

The Battalion is getting on right royally, and interesting events happen so frequently, as with all young things, that it is very difficult to single out any particular thing as specially worthy of report.

Training is in full progress, A and B Companies being complete are very keen in their rivalry, each being determined to be better than the other C Company is already half full, and the platoons now formed contain a smart set of men anxious and willing to do their "bit."

Gradually the full completement of officers is being secured, and the promotions of Captain Wynne-Taylor and Captain Vigers have been duly gazetted. These officers have been appointed to the command of B and A Companies respectively.

Companies respectively.

The signalling section has been placed under Second Lieut. Jackson, and is daily in "action.'

The Platon Commanders and Sergeants are mostly in position, many of the latter being old companions are having a "good time," as in fact is every one in the Battalion, fcr good fellowship prevails everywhere. As work is hard so play is hard, and at cricket, boxing, etc., fine displays have been shown.

The Battalion belongs to the 118th Brigade, and the General has been down more than once to "informally" inspect everything. A little bird whispers that he expects the Lewisham Battalion to be a real acquisition to

our distinguished regiment.

The Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Lamport, is forging ahead, and

the bugle band, equally industrious, shows first rate results

This Battalion requires about 200 men to complete establishment, and on This Battalion requires about 200 men to complete establishment, and on September 11th a Grand Military Pageant was held to draw attention to this need. A procession, over a mile and a half long, was formed and marched through the parts of the Borough not visited on the previous occasion. Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. (Commanding the London District) who was accompanied by Brigadier-General Bromilow (Commanding 118th Infantry Brigade), and several other well known Staff Officers, took the Salute at the Town Hall from all units.

Following the Police was the Band of the Highland Pipers, whose weird martial strains awakened the war-like feelings of those who listened. The

martial strains awakened the war-like feelings of those who listened. The Mayor (Alderman R. Jackson) and the Mayoress, attended by the Recruiting Committee were followed by the Band, and a Detachment of the Royal Naval Division from the Crystal Palace, men who always raise the brightest hopes of our citizens, as they remind us of how little the vaunted alien fleet can

really do.

Woolwich was represented by a very smart Detachment of the Royal
Field Artillery, after whom came "Invicta" the beautiful Regimental Pet,
which has learnt to step well to the Regimental Band of the 11th West Kents,
that has already led the men on their route marches, and played at various functions. Colonel Searle led the first Detachment of the Regiment, and proud he must have been of their soldierly bearing. Major Cerfe who has only recently returned from the fighting in South Africa under General Botha, was present commanding A Company, and well deserved the applause that greeted him.

Then followed the Irish Terrier that was recently lost, and returned to the Regiment. The smart Bugle Band came next, and led the second half of the Battalian under the command of Major.

the Battalion under the command of Major Annesley, the second-in-command, whose father commanded the 2nd Battalion, and who was born in the

The fact that a large contingent of the 11th had been sent to the Oval. some to play and others to act as Stewards and attend on the wounded guests did not in any way affect the general smartness and keenness of those

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The Cadet Battalion of the "Queen's Own," sent a nice party headed by their Drum and Fife Band, all excellent material for use in future years.

The vigorous Lewisham Volunteer Training Corps, headed by their Bugle Band, came next, and swung into line in true soldierly fashion. Forest Hill sent its National Volunteer Bugle Band and a Detachment of men.

As the Naval Brigade attracted, so did the Bugle Band and the "Boys" from the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, who always get a rousing welcome in the district

welcome in the district.

The 5th Brockley Baden-Powell Scouts made a brave show, having their Mascot and Bugle Band. Lewisham Cadet Battalion followed, with their band, and then came the Bugle Band of the Blackheath Volunteer Training Corps, and a Squadron of Armoured Cars, such as have rendered fine support to our men in the trenches.

The Southwark Church Lads' Brigade was splendidly represented by

the band, gun team, and a Detachment of the "lst."

Following, and closing the procession, came the Lewisham Branch of the Red Cross Society headed by its President, Sir George Pragnell, who was accompanied by the Hon. Secretary, Miss Pragnell. Every part of the excellent work of this Society was amply exemplified, and showed how much indeed is being done.

The whole pageant had been organized by Captain G. F. Pragrell, the Adjutant of the Regiment, who had been fortunate enough to obtain the services of the composer, Mr. Leslie Stuart, of the popular "Soldiers of the King," to come down and conduct the massed bands most effectively before the procession started.

The month has been an eventful one for the Lewisham Battalion and

many interesting things have happened, quite sufficient even to satisfy so young a Battalion.

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The complement of officers is being gradually filled up, and Major Corfe, who has just returned from "the front" in South Africa, has taken over the command of A Company. Captain Pragnell has handed over the duties of Regimental Recruiting Officer to Lieutenant Mayhew Balls, and is now himself acting as Adjutant.

Gradually the non-commissioned officers are being appointed, and all

are looking forward to the completion of the Battalion, the first appointments

for D Company having been made.

Training has gone on steadily, and two hours' rifle drill is daily received by the men of each Company—so that we are beginning to fancy ourselves as "some" soldiers.

as "some" soldiers.

Strenuous has been the drilling, but sport and recreation have not been neglected. The sports fund has been much augmented by the results of the Billiard Match between Reece and Peall, the well-known players, whose services were obtained by Mr. J. Mascoll; while an equally pleasing addition was the outcome of the cricket match between a team representing the Battalion and another captained by Mr. Boardman. No less than nine county players appeared in the teams.

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Balls disposed of the last two men for three runs.

11th ROYAL WEST KENT.

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Major Corfe c King b Beech 0
Capt. Pragnell not out 6
Extra1

10th R.W. SURREY.
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LceCpl. Barrington c Titshall b Pragnell10
Pte. Beech c Pragnell b Titshall11
Lieut. Lawrence not out
LceCpl. Butler b Pragnell 7
Lieut. Yates b Pragnell 0
Lieut. Robson c Titshall b Pragnell 0
Capt. Jeffs b Roberts
Pte. Button run out
LceCpl. Hartland b Mayhew Balls
Lce. Corpl. Luff c Roberts b Balls
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Concerts of very high class have been organised, including a special one for the Sergeants' Mess; While R.S.M. Gould and Bandmaster Lampart were winners in the Whist Drive organised by the A.S.C. (M.T.) Sergeants' Mess.

Instructor Bristow has, under the direction of the Chairman of the Games Committee (Capt. Wynne Taylor) got together a strong tug-of-war team, and the second Boxing Competition, with all events open to South

London Regiments, has been arranged with Lieut. Roberts as Hon. Sec., and Mr. Eugene Corri, N.S.C., as Referee.

In the cricket match between the Infantry and Artillery Regiments of South London, held at the Kennington Oval, on Sept. 11th our Battalion was represented, strange to say, by four men in each team-so that we could not fail to be on the winning side. One of the most delightful times that the regiment has had was the

march out to Hayes Common.

NOTES.

Colonel Western, C.B., is in command of the Advance Base, at Suvla Bay, on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Captain W. J. Willis, is serving as Quartermaster with the 21st Regiment of Australian Infantry with the honorary rank of Captain. He is at present in Egypt, but expects to go to Gallipoli very shortly.

Second Lieutenant G, S. T. Fenning, late 2nd Battalion, who joined the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps at the beginning of the war, has been given a commission in the 1st Battalion of the Dublin Fusiliers, and is reported as wounded in the Dardanelles.

Temporary Second Lieutenant F. A. Eustace, 9th Battalion, has been transferred to the Regular Battalions with seniority from Nov. 13th, 1914,

Lieutenant M. Robertson, 3rd Battalion, has been promoted Temporary Captain in the Lancashire Fusiliers, 4 .v. *

Captain J. K. Kay, has been transferred from 2nd Battalion to 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant W. Haslam, 1/4th Battalion and Lieutenant T. D. Marshall, 1/5th Battalion are attached to the 2nd Battalion. * * *

The undermentioned Captains have been promoted Majors dated Sept. Ist, 1915:—R. M. Tulloch, D.S.O.; L. H. Hickson; H. D. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O. (temporary from July 6); C. H. Stigand; J. T. Twisleton Wykeham-Fiennes; A. K. Grant; E. H. Norman; J. W. Nelson; J. C. Parker; H. D. Belgrave; R. Lynch-White

Brigadier General Grove, C.B., has very kindly given four telescopic rifles to the 1st Battalion, a most valuable present.

Mr. W. Brown, who for many years was Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion, has been given a commission as temporary lieutenant, and appointed adjutant at Hatton Park Camp, Tring.

The following cadets from the Royal Military College have been appointed second lieutenants in the Regular Battalions: J. L. C. Sutherland, L. Gordon, R. H. Farnfield.

Sergeant-Major Weston, of the 1st Canterbury Regiment of New Zealand -our affiliated Battalion-has joined the Regiment and is now with the 3rd Battalion. He formerly served in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. * * *

Major H. S. Bush has been appointed second class Ordnance officer, and promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

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The following privates from the Artists' Rifles have been given commissions as temporary second lieutenants in the Regular Battalions: A. D. Fleming and J. A. Fleming.

Lance-Corporal Choate, 6th Battalion, has been given a commission as temporary second lieutenant in the Regular Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment.

Sergeant Drummer Coe, Bedfords, formerly a corporal in the 1st Battalion (drums) has been given a commission.

Captain O. Y. Hibbert, 2nd Battalion, has been appointed a Staff-Captain.

We regret to learn that Major R. J. Woulfe Flanagan has been invalided, as also Lieutenant V. S. Clarke. The former is at Colaba, Bombay, and the latter at Murree.

2nd Lieutenant F. J. Ashton, India Army Reserve, is attached to 2nd Battalion.

The undermentioned Privates have been appointed temporary Second-Lieutenants in the Regular Battalions of the Regiment:—P. F. Cross, London Rifle Brigade, F. T. Gillett, 5th Dragoon Guards.

We are informed that the 3/4th Battalion are sending out officers to the 2/4th in the Dardanelles.

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The undermentioned Lieutenants have been promoted temporary Captains:—E. F. Battye and V. S. Clarke.

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Captain H. D. Belgrave has been appointed an Assistant Provost Marshall.

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Lieutenant P. F. Wilberforce-Bell is promoted Captain, Supernumery to Establishment, and the undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants are promoted Lieutenants:—E. A. Sharpin, F. Trask, A. C. Elton (since killed in action), R. Harrison, and A. Howe,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

We have received the following from Lieut.-Col. L. H. Hickson, who was in command of the British Force during the operations in British East Africa from March to June:—

It was only a small show, but rather interesting, as I had some King's African Rifles Mounted Infantry, two mountainguns, and three companies King's African Rifles Infantry, with machine guns and about thirteen mounted European Volunteers, mostly Boers, very useful men, too, at this game. We had two little scraps first, one on the frontier, where we ran into five Germans and 250 Blacks. Their intelligence must have been a bit rocky, as they were apparently coming to attack us at the place where the whole column had collected, and they chose the exact spot to cross the frontier that we had chosen, so they took it in the neck that day. Next day we had a sort of Sidney Street affair. After rounding up a small party on a very difficult kopje, we tried to shell them, but the place was like a rabbit warren, and they dribbled away somehow, mostly after dark. Then for some days we drew the country-side, but could get no accurate news of their main body, till one day on the march, we bumped into them in some small hills. They were also on the move, with a view to concentrating at this spot to block our march, so it came as a surprise to both sides. Our Mounted Infantry (Abyssinian and Somali) were into them like good 'uns. We had quite a good little fight, lasting till nightfall, when they cleared off. Their strength was not quite up to ours, though they had more whites, but of course, we had the guns, and these mountain batteries are very good, they had the two German machine guns out of action, going forward to 800 yards range to find them. We lost four officers killed (all temporary commissions from local settlers). The Germans lost twelve whites killed, we only picked up two next day, but can account for the others. I had sent the M.I. to come in from their rear later in the day, but the plot failed, or we should have had a real good bag. We captured one—shot in the ankle. They legged it very hard in the night, and crossed a big river in flood, which we could not take on, and later we were ordered to return to British territory.

At end of May and early June we spent some time in trying to get them to come on and attack our place, as they had got together a larger force, apparently to make up for the former affair, but they were very chary, and were, I think, waiting for us. We very nearly had them one night, and had a real good trap laid, unfortunately a native (of a British tribe) went over and gave the show away, and warned them not to come in. They had got to within four miles of our fortified post by midnight, and part of our force was moving out to get round, when they suddenly bolted back over their frontier. We heard afterwards what had happened, and caught the man, who has since been shot. Their information was bad again; we heard they thought they had caught us with a very small force, whereas we were very much stronger than they, and would have had them cold. Twice again in June we were near a good thing, but just missed it.

As a matter of fact we have actually, where I have been, had very little fighting, bar patrols meeting, as both sides are trying the same game more or less.

The Huns are very cruel to the natives here, and play the frightfulness game for all they are worth. So far, it appears, to have paid them. They are also running the Mohammedan African Empire business without, I fancy, much success, except that most of the Arabs (Asiatic) are on their side. At a show on L. Victoria lately, they put up a very good fight, i.e., the Arabs, with the German side about one company strong. Generally speaking, things are more or less at a standstill here, bar raids and patrols and such like.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GALLIPOLI. August 13th, 1915.

SIR,

Having formerly served in the 2nd Battalion, I have the pleasure of asking if you can send me copies of "The Queen's Own Gazette," published since the commencement of the war, as I should like to follow the doings of all Battalions of the old Regiment. I enclose a note, the balance can buy some tobacco or fags for the boys at the front.

I should like to tell you that B Company of the 2nd Battalion is well represented in the Australian Forces, as there are five of us along our front in different Battalions. Their names are Nolan, McCarthy, Webster, Rust, and myself. I must also let you know that Paddy Hamilton, of F Company lay down to rest, through being hit two or three times on the afternoon of June 28th, in a very heavy engagement.

I remain,

Yours truly,

T. ROGERS,

No. 1635 C Co., 9th Batt. Australian Infantry, Late No. 5278, B Co., 2nd Batt, The Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment,

Can you kindly send me one of the Ramping Horse Cap Badges?

Mr. D. Meeks, 292, Rotherhithe Street, S.E., is anxious to hear news of his son, No. 8728 Private J. Meeks, A Company, 1st Battalion, reported missing on April 18th.

Mrs. Brown, 87, High Road, Wilmington, near Dartford, is anxious to hear news of her son, No. 10347 Private T. Brown, B Company 1st Battalion, reported missing on April 23rd.

CUTTINGS FROM "PUNCH."

From 2/1st S. Midland Brigade orders:—"The Brigadier congratulates all ranks in the brigade on the smart appearance presented at the inspection to-day by the Secretary of State for War."

Lance-Corporal T——2nd Suffolks, who was captured by the enemy at the battle of Mons, is happy in his internment. He has a wife and six children.—"Peterborough Advertiser."

UNDRESS UNIFORM.

"Personally, when in command, I had no difficulty in having all correct. Even at mess I never permitted officers to appear in anything but boots, as I pointed out, being mobilised for war, they might be needed at a moment's notice."—"Daily Mirror."

OUR EXPERTS.

"It is always a matter of amour propre with every commander to keep his adversary ignorant of his dispositions, and let him find them out for himself rather than supply the information from his own side,"—Military Correspondent of the "Daily News."

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the last week in September, and during October :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain P. M. Robertson-Ross, 8th Batt. Lieutenant A. G. Heath, 6th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant C. D. N. Lawson, 8th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant H. O. Beer, 8th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant W. W. Pye, 6th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant J. S. Yates, 3rd Batt., attached 6th Batt.

WOUNDED.

Major A, H. Pullman, 8th Batt. Captain C. Y. Hibbert, 2nd Batt., B.M., 16th Brigade, I.E.F. (D). Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood, 3rd Batt., M.G.O., 64th Brigade. Captain A. B. C. Francis, 6th Batt.
Captain R. W. Grant, 8th Batt.
Captain R. W. Grant, 8th Batt.
Captain R. W. Parkar, 3rd Batt. Captain B. W. Parker, 3rd Batt, attached 1st Batt. Captain H. A. Ansell, 9th Batt., attached 1st Essex. Lieutenant N. B. Green, 8th Batt. Lieutenant H. L. Lewis, 8th Batt. Lieutenant L. C. R. Smith, 6th Batt. Lieutenant S. H. Lewis, 3rd Batt., attached 1st Northants. Lieutenant G. W. Brown, 6th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant G. de L. Hough, 8th Batt.

2nd-Lieutenant M. H. Carre, 6th Batt, 2nd-Lieutenant J. Langlands, 6th Batt.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Major L. Brock-Hollinshead, 8th Batt. Captain A. C. Edwards, 8th Batt. Lieutenant V. G. Don, 8th Batt. Lieutenant V. G. Doll, 8th Batt.
Lieutenant R. M. Old, 8th Batt.
Lieutenant P. T. Smith, 8th Batt.
Lieutenant L. Gibbs, 8th Batt.
2nd-Lieutenant A. L. Harris, 8th Batt.
2nd-Lieutenant R. F. T. Burrell, 8th Batt.
2nd-Lieutenant D. H. Watts, 8th Batt.

WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

Brevet-Colonel E. Vansittart, Commanding 8th Batt. Major J. C. Chillingworth, 8th Batt. Captain and Adjutant C. de C. Middleton, 8th Batt. Captain C. A. Hutchinson, 8th Batt. 2nd-Lieutenant M. S. Ell, 8th Batt.

MISSING.

2nd-Lieutenant P. W. Plant, 8th Batt.

Captain P. M. Robertson Ross, who was killed on September 26th, enlisted at the beginning of the War in the 21st County of London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles). In September, 1914, he obtained a Commission in the 8th Battalion, and was promoted Lieutenant in December, 1914, and Captain in January, 1915. The Chaplain wrote: "His men have told me how gallantly he led them. They all regarded him with the highest admiration and affection." He was a most cherry companion, and his loss will be greatly felt by all ranks.

2nd-Lieutenant C. D. N. Lawson, who was also killed on September 26th, was a Haileybury boy, where he was a Sergeant in the O.T.C. and a member of the football fifteen and the cricket eleven. After a short period of service in the ranks of the U.P.S. Battalion, he obtained a commission in the 8th Battalion. An excellent officer, and full of esprit de corps. He will be much missed.

2nd-Lieutenant H. O. Beer, also killed on September 26th, was educated at Dulwich, where he obtained a senior scholarship, and was for five years in the O.T.C. Leaving in July, 1914, he entered Caius College, Cambridge. On the outbreak of the War he obtained a commission in the 8th Battalion. He fell whilst leading his platoon at the German wire entanglement. He was a very promising young officer and most popular with everyone.

Lieutenant A. G. Heath, who, after recovering from his wounds received in July, was killed on October 8th, his 28th birthday, had a distinguished career at Oxford. He obtained a scholarship at New College, and was Craven Scholar in 1906. He got a first class in Classical Moderations in 1907, and a first class in Litt. Hum. in 1909. In the same year he was elected a Fellow of New College, and Lecturer in Philosophy, and obtained the Green Memorial Prize in 1914. He was a most valuable officer and platoon commander, and most popular with all ranks. He was killed whilst leading his platoon in the most fearless manner. His loss is deeply felt by the Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant W. W. Pye was killed on October 14th in repelling a German bomb attack on a gun trench that the Battalion had taken. His energy and fighting qualities contributed largely to the taking and successful holding of this trench. He was a particularly keen officer, and he is much regretted by all.

and-Lieutenant J. S. Yates was a most promising young officer. He was killed on the parapet of the gun trench during the night attack on October 8th while gallantly leading his platoon to the assault. During the short time he was with the 6th Battalion he endeared himself to all ranks. His loss is keenly felt by the 3rd Battalion, who regarded him as a keen and efficient officer.

We append two tables. Tab e A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalion with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving, These tables will be repeated monthly.

		TABLE	A.		
			Vounded an	d Wounded and	
	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Prisoners of War.	Missing.
1st Battalion	33	29	2	2	-
2nd Battalion	3	3		_	-
2/4th Battalion	·	3		_	-
6th Battalion	4	9		-	_
8th Battalion	3	5	9	5	1
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TABLE B.

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Lieutenant A. G. Heath now reported killed, has been removed from the table of wounded, and Captain G. D. Lister and Lientenant A. A. E. Chitty, previously shown as wounded, are now shown as wounded and Prisoners of War.

Total all casualties amongst Officers 12

The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the Casualty Lists from October 1st to 31st, 1915:

1st BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

4809	Pte.	W.	Inkp	en	
5750	Pte.	G.	Watts		
7315	LcC	orpl	. R.	Aitken	

8329 Pte. J. Mapp 510 Pte. W. Hanson 10675 Pte. A. Clark

DIED.

10353 Pte. J. O'Callaghan

WOUNDED.

4599 Pte. H. Andrews 1518 Pte. J. Austin 5418 Pte. E. Baker 4936 Pte. B. Baldwin 9160 Pte. A. Ball 8357 LcCorpl. T. Barry 20779 Pte. G. Beckett 4038 Pte. A. Berry 8479 Pte. T. Blagdon 4693 Pte. F. Booker 1041 Pte. W. Bottom 4801 Pte. S. Broad 4891 Pte. H. Brown 8438 Pte. E. Bunsell 4889 Pte. J. Burberry 1066 Pte. T. Comfield	7/01 THE TO D
1018 Pte J. Austin	7021 Pte T. Burns
5418 Pte E. Baker	10126 Act. Sergt. W. Carpenter
4956 Pte R Baldwin	10001 Pte. G. Carter
9160 Pte A Ball	9702 Pte. A. Cherryman
8357 Le Corpl T Parry	8996 Pte. H. Cockle
20779 Pte. G. Beckett	6534 Pte. R. Cook
4038 Pte A Berry	10414 Pte. H. Crittenden
8479 Pte T Blandon	44 Pte. W. Doughty
4693 Pro F Poolson	5837 Sergt. D. Erskine
1041 Pte W Pottom	10343 Pte. E. Fearne
4801 Pte S Prond	10191 Corpl. J. Fisher
4891 Pto H Prove	169 Pte. H. Foster
8438 Pto F Puncell	10060 Sergt. M. Gobble
4880 Pto T Durborny	297 LcCorpl. T. Goode
1066 Pto T Camfield	5872 Co. S.M. W. Hannon
796 Dto W. Connell	4842 Pte. H. Howes
Oto Pte, W. Carron	7749 Pte. T. Hutchings
406 Pto C Cleaner	4649 Pte. F. Johnson
7940 Pte. G. Cleaver	8384 Pte. C. Hall
10068 Pto T Cor	476 Corpl. E. James
6375 Pte J. Dolor	4615 LcCorpl. G. Knight
10462 Pto I Downett	9118 Pte. A. Lawrence
10304 Dto C Evenden	4768 Pte. J. Lester
8/19 Dto F C Final	5038 Pte. J. Mann
10605 La Correl I V Foreman	9025 Pte. A. Martin
3754 Pto W Fowler	4751 Pte. H. Mercer
4587 Pte A Golding	4757 Pte. A. Mills
5283 Pte A Gould	6367 Pte. H. Mitchell
191 Pte I Havenek	4933 Pte. A. O'Grady
10339 Cornl H Hubble	8605 Pte. A. Page
5969 Sergt H Hiffe	8199 Pte. A. Parker
165 Cornl S Johnstone	4884 Corpl. F. Pearce
1025 Pte J Ormsby	10293 Pte. W. Penfold
4646 Pte J Baker	9005 Pte. P. Reardon
4713 Pte L. Balchin	895 Pte. T. Ring
4750 Pte H Ball	4889 Pte. F. Ruberry
8088 Pte G E Panks	4975 Pte. P. Saunders
10172 Pte E Bastick	8826 Pte. C. Saxby
10387 Pte J Benford	5938 Pte. J. Sears
8970 Pte. W. Bex	4747 LcCorpl. J. Sheil
8676 Pte A Blamire	8386 Pte. B. Slackford
9917 Sergt G Bolting	7238 Sergt. W. Spooner
3230 Pte. S Bowles	8002 Pte. R. Sylvester
19 Pte J Brown	10405 Pte. W. Taylor
5067 Pte E Buckland	7814 Pte. S. Vickers
8733 Pté. A. J. Bunyan	10312 Pte. O. Vincent
4801 Pte. S. Broad 4891 Pte. H. Brown 8438 Pte. J. Bunsell 4889 Pte. J. Burberry 1066 Pte. T. Camfield 386 Pte. W. Carroll 21 Pte. J. Cheeseman 406 Pte. G. Cleaver 7940 Pte. T. Collyer 10068 Pte. J. Dowsett 10394 Pte. J. Dowsett 10394 Pte. S. Evenden 8418 Pte. F. G. Finch 10605 LcCorpl. J. V. Foreman 3754 Pte. W. Fowler 4587 Pte. A. Golding 5283 Pte. A. Gould 121 Pte. J. Haycock 10332 Corpl. H. Hubble 5969 Sergt. H. Iliffe 165 Corpl. S. Johnstone 1025 Pte. J. Ormsby 4646 Pte. J. Baker 4713 Pte. L. Balchin 4750 Pte. H. Ball 8088 Pte. G. E. Banks 10172 Pte. E. Bastick 10387 Pte. J. Benford 8970 Pte. W. Bex 8676 Pte. A. Blamire 9917 Sergt. G. Bolting 3230 Pte. S. Bowles 19 Pte. J. Brown 5067 Pte. E. Buckland 8733 Pte. A. J. Bunyan	5521 Pte. D. Walpole

488 Pte. T. Ward	1126 Pte. C. Richardson	
6344 Pte. W. Weller	5036 Pte. R. Robinson	
8332 Pte. A. Whinteringhame	1549 Pte. A. Rusgrove	
4840 Pte. J. Whitney	5045 Pte. F. Saunders	
4792 Pte. F. G. Winder	9032 Pte. W. Searle	
5573 Pte. W. Woodham	9267 Pte. J. Shaw	
5015 Pte. J. W. Young	4622 Pte. F. Shimeld	
8780 Pte. G. King	10434 Pte. H. South	
4694 Pte. F. Langridge	7264 Pte. A. Sweet	
6170 Pte. A. Leeson	82 Pte. R. Taft	
4898 Pte. W. Love	9539 Pte. F. Turner	
7538 LcCorpl. H. Marsh	10286 Pte. T. Vidler	
4805 Pte. W. Maunton	3046 Pte. J. Walmesley	
5173 Pte. C. Miller	10003 Pte. C. Ward	
603 Pte. R. W. Mitchell	8515 Pte. A. Watson	
8202 Pte. J. Nixon	8460 Pte. T. Whiffin	
5205 Pte. E. Pacey		
	5708 Pte. G. White	
7758 Pte. A. Parker	4940 Pte. E. P. Wickens	
10199 Pte. F. Passey	4778 Pte. E. Witherden	
10406 Pte. J. Pearson	6447 Pte. T. Young	
10273 Pte. A. Ramsay		

All the above Casualties occurred during April and May last, but have not been previously reported.

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2531 Pte. D. Endersby 10760 Pte. E. Rawlings	7398 LcCorpl. J. Lusted 4980 Pte. E. Simmonds
8364 Pte. J. Singleton	8302 Sergt. J. Cable
8971 Sergt. A. Smith	9223 Pte. T. Clarke
4707 Pte. J. H. Harrigan	4793 Pte. H. Mepham
10396 LcCorpl. J. Miles	10500 Pte. W. Norman
8115 Pte T. Perkins	5426 Pte. J. Simpson
9803 LcCorpl. H. Stratford	4559 Pte. H. Taylor
5667 Pte. W. Hackett 4855 Pte. J. Mercer	4896 Pte. W. Ingram
4974 Pte. C. Elliott	5674 Pte. W. Vaughan 4880 Pte. S. Lusted
4753 LcCorpl. G. Brown	3689 Pte. H. Poll
9052 Pte. F. Remmett.	Jood I te. H. Foll

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

8527 Pte. W. Tovell

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

4784 Pte. J. Pope

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED & MISSING NOW KILLED.

3497 Pte. J. Le Bean

1st BATTALION N.C,O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded. 160	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of Wa
5	391	1062	FORMER LIST.	29	176
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2nd BATTALION. WOUNDED.

8821 Pte. J. Jarvis 7395 Pte. F. Pon

9189 Lc.-Corpl. S. W. Horsman 8475 Pte. W. J. Lee.

2nd BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War
-	-	4	- Total	_	
			FORMER LIST.		
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6	50	96	Alma Alma America	1	
	Total	all casualt	ties amongst N.C.O.'s	and Mer	153

2/4th BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

1991	Pte.	A.	Rh	odes
				Keeler
2591	Pte.	H.	C.	Martin
2002	Pte.	W.	T.	Gilbert
1961	Pte	H.	C	Duvall

2135 Pte. L. Munday 2103 Pte. F. Wickens 1913 Pte. T. West 2178 Sergt. B. Goldsmith

DIED.

3186 Pte. H. F. Enden 1790 Lc.-Corpl. V. Smith 9611 Pte. T. G. Pashby 2167 Pte. R. J. Richardson 3582 Pte. P. White 2621 Pte. A. Young



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Licut.-Colonel Sir A. Griffith Boscawen, Commanding 3rd Battalion.

WOUNDED.						
2999 Pte. H. Boulding 3141 Pte. F. Mantle 2578 Pte. W. Turner 2800 Pte. J. W. Kirby 137 Sergt. H. A. Snell 2108 Pte. T. Edmed 2039 Pte. C. E. Jenner 1295 LcCorpl. F. G. Nash 2661 Pte. G. A. Shaw 2520 Pte. F. Williams 2516 Pte. F. Ablett 2235 Pte. C. Martin 3605 Pte. P. W. Smith 1110 Pte. H. Smith	1113 Pte. E. Willis 1975 Pte. W. J. Chapple 2464 Pte. C. W. T. Payne 2715 Q.M.S. A. J. Cook 2308 Sergt. W. Hemming 1366 LcCorpl. E. Ladd 1758 Sergt. C. Seal 241 Sergt. A. W. Soames 1990 Pte. G. Wood 3010 Pte. F. Longley 3089 Pte. L. Peckham 2610 Pte. G. Warnett					
2984 Pte. C. Chalice 2426 Pte. W. G. Davey 1588 Pte. W. Marshall 2556 Pte. T. Stokes 2606 Pte. A. Laker 2230 Pte. A. Maskell 2873 Pte. S. Coles	2727 Pte. S. G. Clayton 1823 Co. Q.M.S. F. Stoker 60 Co. Q.M.S. F. Dunstall					

2/4th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Misssing. FORMER LISTS.	Missing.	Prisoners of War
_	16	37		_	
6	25 Total	78 I all casua	lties amongst N.C.O.'s	and Me	n, 109.

6th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

000 Pt - 0 0 1	827 Pte. W. Tulett
908 Pte. C. Osborne	
6756 Sergt. J. Glover	3929 Pte. E. Gunn
989 Pte. E. Caller	79 Pte. H. J. Lane
118 Pte. H. E. Moore	747 Pte. L. J. Pope
1004 Pte. A. Adams	858 Pte. J. Amos
5642 Pte. F. Bennett	200 Pte. F. Carden
979 Pte. G. Chapman	347 LcCorpl. W. Clarke
186 Pte. A. Eastman	849 LcCorpl. D. C. Fowler
5842 Pte. A. Frankis	9287 Pte. R. Lloyd
4381 LcCorpl. J. Mullen	438 Pte. W. Peat
2128 Pte. E. Smith	901 Pte. E. Sydenham
284 Pte. V. Tagg	294 Pte. H. Hammond.
75 LcSergt, P. Brooks	513 Pte. H. Jones
4135 Pte. R. Williams	and but the less of the state of the state of
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89	Pte. W. Ashby LcCorpl. J. Berry Pte. F. Brown Pte. R. Cox LcSergt. H. Curtis Pte. F. Davenport Pte. CDawson Corpl. W. Edwards Pte. P. Gillam Pte. T. Godfrey Pte. J. Hellewell Pte. J. Hellewell Pte. J. Hooker Pte. J. Izard Pte. F. Lones	368	Pte. J. Medhurst
138	Le Corpl I Berry	101	Corpl. A. Norris
280	Pte E Brown	485	Pte. E. Page
017	Pto P Cov	708	Pte. T. Payne
005	Le Saret H Curtis	277	Pte. H. Poole
970	Dto F Davennort	147	Pte L Reeves
140	Pto C Dayson	145	LcCorpl. T. Riess
41	Corpl W Edwards	263	Sergt. W. Roberts
105	Dto P Gillam	1326	Pte. W. Sharman
05/1	Dto T Godfrey	4157	Pte H. Simmons
51	Dto I Hollowell	619	Pte. A. Smith
064	Pto G Hill	607	Corpl. S. Townsend
77	Pte. G. Hill	435	Pte. F. Vass
077	Pto I Izord	95	Pte. L. West
100	Dto F Jones	113	Pte. A. White
764	Pto F Kemp	313	Corpl. T. Wood
7/10	Dto D Dakor	27	Pte G. Collins
140	Pte. C. Boston	579	Corpl. D. Bennett
780	Pte. C. Clutterbuck	5856	Pte. C. Mills
200	Pte A Crouch	269	Pte. G. S. Lidlow
3049	Pte. J. Hooker Pte. J. Izard Pte. F. Jones Pte. F. Kemp Pte. B. Baker Pte. C. Boston Pte. C. Clutterbuck Pte. A. Crouch LcCorpl. L. Darch Pte. W. Dawes LcCorpl. A. Day Pte. H. Elliott	129	Pte. A. Bright
448	Pte W Dawes	460 42 335 5711 402 7825 866 4156 897	Pte. G. Harber
1916	Lc -Corpl. A. Day	42	Pte. F. Russell
5841	Pte. H. Elliott	335	Pte. J. Telford
566	Pte. E. Gillard	5711	Pte. H. Laming
496	Pte. E. Goose	402	Pte. A. Mattocks
1018	Pte. G. Hill	7825	Sergt. E. G. Moss
4	Pte. G. Hill Pte. W. Hills	866	Pte. D. Oliver
344	Pte. J. Howard	4156	Pte. G. Painter
399	Pte. H. Jennings	897	Pte. J. Pmmps
168		191	Pte. A. Rayfield
43	Pte. A. Knight	6254	Pte. G. Reynolds
4	Pte. A. J. Chesson		Pte. A. Risby
8252	Sergt. H. Hanghey		Pte. O. Russ
186	Pte. H. Burgess	210	Pte. G. Simmons
945	Pte. W. Parrer	122	Pte. A. Smith
199	Pte. W. Parrer Pte. T. Reynolds		Pte. T. Thwaites
4954	Pte. C. Hallett	318	Act. Corpl. A. Tutt
383	Pte. C. Mitchley	50	Pte. L. Walter
530	Pte. G. Smith	126	LcCorpl. E. Wheeler
	Pte. P. Lambert		Pte. D. White
4605	Pte. W. Longhurst	5154	Pte. G. Woodgear

6th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded. 84	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War.
			FORMER LISTS.		
_	15	69	_	ADOMES OTHERS	
	42	153	1.1912	bearing)	
	Total	all casual	ties amongst N.C.O.'	s and Me	n, 195.

7th BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

10443 LcCorpl. Appleby	2169 Corpl. A. J. Godden
2331 Pte. J. Tobin	5188 Pte. H. Danes
OCCO Dto T A Channen	

WOUNDED.

678 LcCorpl. F. Aylward	2087 Pte. J. Gale	
513 Pte. C. King	5269 Pte. A. Longhurst	
675 Pte. R. H. S. Cooke	1191 Pte. G. A. Fox	
030 Pte. A. Hall	2026 Pte. J. Meade	

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

1968 Pte. F. Challen	2394 Pte. H. Cooper
1746 Pte. H. Cornish	2240 Pte. W. Foot
2044 Pte. E. W. Green	2299 Pte. R. Pankhurst

7th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

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2489	Pte.	C.	Ridley Keeler Weedon	2521 Pte. 2838 Pte. 2593 Pte.	S.	Lawson
2504	Pte.	п.	Weedon	2000 1 10.	Tr.	TIGHT

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5378 Pte. E. Adams	3792 Pte. T. Price							
3877 Pte. R. Bush	3065 Pte. J. Ridley							
2471 Pte. A. Crouch	4252 Pte. C. D. E. Wells -							
4081 Pte. J. Parker	2061 Pte. A. Gray							
2653 Pte. J. Reeday	4207 Pte. T. Ladd							
2609 Sergt. H. Rowe	5342 Pte. W. Moores							
5338 Pte. A. Yates	4266 Corpl. J. Sutton							
10527 Pte. A. Jeffrey	2839 LcCorpl. C. Austen							
953 Sergt. J. Mears	5419 Pte. W. Campbell							
2755 LcCorpl. H. Stannard	2891 Pte. A. Cox							
5316 Pte. S. Miles	1324 Pte. F. Fish							
3176 LcCorpl. T. Burrell	2792 Pte. J. King							
1894 Corpl. F. L. Carter	3692 Pte. L. Owen							
4165 Pte. A. Edwards	5329 Pte. H. Payne							
1361 Pte. J. Killick	1004 Ptc. U. Stedinan							
3175 Pte. H. Knapp	7750 Dto H Warren							
2665 Pte. E. Parsons	7070 Pto C Pailey							
4143 Pte. N. Smith	5719 Dto A Carrett							
5745 LCCorpi. C. Tompkins	2403 Pte T Cranston							
3111 Pte. W. Wall	5375 Pte C Croft							
7040 Sergt. A. Wash	5075 Pte C Early							
5767 Dto W Carrin	3708 Pte. J. Fletcher							
9576 Pte. W. Carvin	3344 Corpl. D. Holmes							
4990 Le Corpl W Dawton	3178 Pte. H. Kemsley							
3119 Pte T. Edwards	2856 Pte. C. Marks							
2639 Pte J. Flowers	4176 Pte. F. Norman							
3079 Pte. J. Jones	2704 Pte. G. Saunders							
2805 LcCorpl. H. Lixenfield	2804 Pte. G. Sears							
3174 Pte. J. Maycock	4270 Pte. G. Stamp							
5321 Pte. W. Pascoe	2475 Pte. A. Smith							
3119 Pte. A. Sceats	4404 Pte. T. Beech							
4192 Pte. G. Selkirk	503 Pte. A. Bryant							
4180 Pte. F. Steers	5420 Pte. E. Carr							
9457 Corpl. A. Wood	2833 Pte. S. Chappell							
2751 Pte. G. Allison	2501 Corpl. A. Coles							
5413 Pte. J. Costin	3933 LcCorpl. F. Crow							
3775 Pte. J. Lewis	5418 Pte. W. Diamond							

2518 Pte. E. Dunsford	3077 Pte. P. O'Sullivan
3779 Pto T Evans	9978 Pte T Pullman
3760 Pto C Cough	3001 Le Coupl G A Smith
COOL Die T. Hough	974 Count II Walter
2801 Pte. J. Hardinge	874 Sergt. F. Walker
756 Pte. R. Holder	5372 Pte. C. Wheeler
3438 Pte. D. James	3300 Pte. W. Brockey
3147 Pte. T. Lovelock	2481 Pte. A. Connelly
2743 Pto A McGuiro	4961 Pte A Crouch
9991 Dto T Moreh	6906 Dto W Hantley
7177 Dto C Marsh	0706 Dto C Holmes
5155 Pte. G. Maynard	Z126 Pte. C. Hollies
501 Pte. J. Murphy	2559 Pte. F. Hooknam
2725 Pte. W. Orme	5422 Pte. J. Taylor
4521 Pte. J. Phillips	1349 LcCorpl. W. Aylen
5432 Lc -Corpl H Ridley	4321 Pte A. Bowen
3027 Pte G Shearing	5421 Pte A Hill
7150 Dto D Crum	7916 Dto G Martin
0000 Dt- T White	COS Dto C. Donfold
2028 Pte. T. Whitting	505 Pte. G. Peniold
5151 Pte. W. Wilkinson	5142 Pte. H. Rankin
5353 Pte. W. Wood	1958 Sergt. N. Wellings
4400 Pte, F. W. Beach	763 Sergt. B. Wise
2791 Pte. H. Bolton	3086 Pte. G. Bassett
8471 Sergt H Elson	10507 Pte. A Bridger
O660 Dto H Handy	550 Dto I. Brooks
4100 Dto I Tong	775 Dto T Conn
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5051 Pte. J. McGuire	out Pie. A. Clark
2477 Pte. G. Morris	2850 Pte. W. Crouch
2577 Pte. H. Smith	4194 Pte. A. Donovan
10504 Pte. G. Blanks	5292 Pte. F. Fielding
2735 Pte E. Burrell	3149 Pte. L. Gilby
4104 Pte L. Chanman	3125 Lc -Corpl T. Hollins
2017 La Compl & Conston	5310 Lc -Corpl E Hovie
2017 LCCOPPL, S. Caliston	4000 Dto H Johns
2875 Pte. W. Crunden	4000 Pte. H. Johns
2631 Pte. E. Curtis	3109 Pte. L. Lock
721 Pte. C. Drinkwater	4255 Pte. J. Munday
5386 Pte. M. Embley	2838 Pte. R. J. Pearce
3132 Pte A Eve	3348 Corpl. W. Searles
3066 Pte W Grove	5530 Pte. T Smith
5004 Dto H. Honsont	2705 Pto W Warwick
7754 Pte. O. Harshar	7475 Dto W Adams
5554 Pte. C. Hugnes	5455 Pte. W. Adams
2749 Corpl. W. Martin	3179 Pte. F. Chambers
4817 Sergt. E. Kirby	2507 LcCorpl. N. Cook
4331 Pte. S. Lowe	5026 Pte. W. Culling
2556 Pte. W. May	5385 Pte. W. Haslam
5343 Pte J Moores	2782 Pte. R. Holmes
997 Sarert F Oliver	71/1 Pte I Lane
7100 Dto A Dayna	7770 Dto A Lodge
5129 Pte. A. Payne	5750 Pte. A. Louge
2901 Pte. W. Poore	1263 Pte. R. MCVILLE
5301 Pte. J. Rimmer	542 Pte. A. Noble
1333 LcCorpl. E. Sparrow	2611 Corpl. A. Palmer
3043 Pte. H. Waghorn	2535 Pte. G. Pitt
5462 Pte H. Whitwood	5487 Pte F. Saunders
5300 Pte G. Wilson	6212 Pte. E. Thompson
2457 Pto F S F Railey	2028 Pte A Wallis
0510 Dto C A Plake	7067 Dto W T Aldsworth
7100 Complete C. Dowling	5005 Ftc. W. S. Hidshort
200 COPPL A. S. Darring	1320 Pte. F. Fish
8ZI5 Pte. F. Fisher	2655 Pte. J. Holmes
10751 Pte. E. Knight	3691 Pte. C. Leonard
4285 Pte. A. Laurence	772 Pte. S. Russell
2857 LcCorpl. F. Melsom	3751 Pte. F. Waring
2500 Corpl. A. Powell	1409 Pte. A. White
2572 Pte W. Spender	3346 Lc -Corpl J C. Eggleton
2886 Pte F Swain	7690 Le Corpl W Jenkins
5709 Pto T Wakeford	OFOO Dto F Now
7700 Die W Deyron	2590 Pte. F. New
5786 Pte. W. Beynon	6532 Pte. S. Turner
3100 Pte. J. Dearrant	5464 Pte. T. McCann
1182 LcCorpl. H. Longbottom	3166 LcCorpl. A. Nicholls
5414 Pte. H. Miller	5254 Pte. A. Osband
5361 Pte. B. Piper 1366 Pte. W. Uzzell 6261 Pte. J. Whalley 2483 Pte. J. Barnes	2460 Lc -Corpl. F. Pearce
1366 Pte W. Hzzell	2540 LcCorpl. W. Ready
6961 Pte T Whalley	2040 Lt. Corpt. W. Iteauy
0407 Dto T Downer	
2400 Pte. J. Darnes	1166 Pte. S. Sweetlove
7047 Die C Describett	2646 LcSergt. F. Tosdevine
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3238 Pte. J. Brooks	
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3238 Pte. J. Brooks	3657 LcCorpl. H. Anderton 4179 Pte. C. Fowler
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8th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

PRESENT LIST.

Killed. Died. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 249.

N.B .- "Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds,"

and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

	The following is the thirtenth list of donations received up to (in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—	Octob	er 3	Ist
l		£	S	d.
I	Previously acknowledged	1923	12	3
١	Oct. Ist—J. Dewrance, Esq	10	0	0
I	Miss Birch Reynardson	5	0	0
I	The Members of the Co-operative Women's Guild			
Į	Bromley	Pice	10	0
	Oct. 4th-LieutColonel A. C. Borton	. 10	0	0
I	Anonymous	. 20	0	0
I	A. B. Urmston, Esq. and Mrs. Urmston	1	0	0
I	R. B. B. Urmston, Esq	· Y	0	0
ı	Canon H. Bingham Stevens	10/19	10	0
١	Captain Roy Brock (10th donation)	. 5	0	0
١	Miss Lushington	1	I	0
١	Miss Lushington Oct. 5th—Major Barton and Members O.T.C. Shoreham Camp		18	11
١	Oct. 6th—The Churchwardens of All Saints, Maidstone	13	18	6
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١	Anonymous		5	0
١	Oct. 11th—The Rev. and Mrs. R. Dalison	5	0	0
l	J. Phillips, Esq. and Mrs. Phillips, "In Memory			
I	of "Captain Frank Fisher	25	0	0
I	J. Scott Baltams, Esq	3	3	0
I	Ralph Cook, Esq	5	0	0
١	Harvest Thanksgiving Service Depot R.W.KR	1	0	0
I	Miss Forder		5	0
١	Oct. 13th-W. L. Wigan, Esq.	5	0	0
I	Captain G. D. Lister (2nd donation)	5	0	0
I	Captain H. A. Waring	3	0	0
ı	Colonel E. H. Dyke	2	2	0
۱	Mrs. J. W. Carr	I	0	0
	Mr. William Mathes, Balance of Charity Cricket			
	Match	7	13	6
١	The Officers 3rd Battalion (4th donation)	8	12	6
l	Oct. 14th-Mrs. Byng, per 2nd-Lieut. Byng, 2/5th R.W.K.R	50	0	0
١	Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Bush	5	0	0
ı	Major-General C. E. Cumberland	3	3	0
١	Oct. 15th-P. Nevill, Esq	5	0	0
l	The Hon Mrs. Ralph Nevill	5	0	0
l	Miss Nevill	5	0	0
١	Oct. 19th - Captain E J. Hudson (2nd donation)	5	0	0
١	Mrs. Jamieson	I	I	0
l	Mrs. Jamieson Oct. 22nd—The Boys of St. Paul's School, Maidstone	I	0	0
١	Messrs. Fremlin Bros	20		
l	Oct. 23rd - Captain J. Lees (3rd donation)		0	0
ı	Colonel and Mrs. Belgrave (2nd donation)	. 10	0	0
ı	Oct. 25th—Mrs. Ryall (3rd Donation)	5	0	0
	Lieutenant A T Williams	10	0	0
١	Lieutenant A. T. Williams	I	0	0
ı	The President of the Debinson I adea of Francisco		10	0
	The Brethren of the Robinson Lodge of Freemasons,	. 115	116	
١	Per F. E. Wallis, Esq	2	2	0
ı	Oct. 26th—F. W. B. Poste, Esq. (4th donation)	- 5	5	0
	Mr. F. Fordham, Manager Canteen, 3rd Battalion,			
	Collected by his Pet Lamb	2	12	0
	Oct. 27th—Lieutenant-Colonel Lushington (2nd donation)	100	16	3
١	Oct. 29th—Mrs. Laurence	. I	I	0
	Captain Wilberforce Bell	2	0	0
	J. A. Yates, Esq. (2nd donation)	1	I	0
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GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from the following:-Miss Dalison. Mrs. John Dalison. Staff at 12, Grimston Avenue. Mrs. Rykert. Mrs. Jewison. Maidstone and District Central Fund. Miss Mann. Miss Richards. Mrs. Johnston.
Mrs. F. Leney.
Miss B. E. Arkwright.
Miss M. Norrington.

Mrs. Bingham Stevens. Mrs. A. Knox.

Joint Political Committee. Mr. F. Thomas. Roan School for Girls, Greenwich.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions at the Front as specified :-

1st BATTALION: October 27th—Cigarettes, Socks, Sweets.
October 31st—500 Candles sent by Miss Arkwright.
2nd BATTALION: October 23rd—1 parcel containing Vests, Shirts

and Socks.

6th BATTALION: October 6th—2 cases containing Vests, Shirts,
Pants and Socks, also Pipes, Sweets, Tobacco, Soap, Cigarettes and Oddments, sent by Mrs. Barrow. (Received).

October 28th—Consignment of Writing Materials. October 31st—4 gross tins of Dubbin, 100 tins of

Vaseline.

The 6th Battalion acknowledge receipt of the 25 bundles sent by the Roan School for Girls on September 28th, which were much appreciated. Colonel Pedley acknowledges receipt of tooth powder and canvas shoes

sent off on the 20th April last, and the last batch of 20,000 cigarettes. The Sergeants of the Depot have sent another donation of £5 to the Prisoners of War Fund which is administered by J. L. Spoor, Esq., of Rede Court, Rochester.

The Joint Political Committee of Maidstone sent a handsome consign-

ment of cigarettes to the wounded.

A cheque for £4 7s. 1d. has been received from Rev. H. F. Powell, Vicar of Darenth, for the benefit of our Prisoners of War. This has been forwarded to Mr. J. L. Spoor.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

The "London Gazette" for October 9th contains descriptions of "the acts of gallantry and devotion to duty" which have earned the D.C.M, and includes the following N.C.O.'s and men of the 2nd Battalion:—

5619 Company Sergeant-Major A. G. Elliott. For conspicuous gallantry and ability on July 24th, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia), when he was one of the first to reach the enemy's trenches, and later on led several bayonet charges in the close fighting which ensued. Company Sergeant-Major Elliott showed great bravery in assisting a wounded comrade under a heavy fire.

5706 Company Sergeant-Major E. J. Newbrook. For conspicuous gallantry and resource on July 24th, 1915, throughout the action near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Although severely wounded, Company Sergeant-Major Newbrook remained with his command until the end of the day's

operations, giving a fine example of bravery and devotion to duty.

7361 Sergeant W. Wannell. For conspicuous gallantry on July 24th,
1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Sergeant Wannell was one of the
first into the enemy's trenches, and he led a party from point to point in the close fighting which followed, clearing trench after trench with the

bayonet or with rifle fire. He also used hand grenades with great effect.

9511 Private E. T. Bye. For conspicuous gallantry on July 24th, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia) when, although wounded whilst applying first aid, he finished his task, and went to dress a second wounded man. While doing so he was again wounded. His devotion to duty was most marked.

8725 Private W. Bridger. For conspicuous bravery on July 24th, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia), when, as a stretcher bearer, he returned on six occasions to the firing line, and searched for wounded men under a heavy and continued fire. He gave a fine example of coolness, courage and devotion to duty.

8739 Private G. Howe. For conspicuous gallantry on July 24th, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Private Howe went to the assistance of Lieutenant A. L. Hill, who was wounded and engaging the enemy with his sword. He bayonetted four of them and shot one, thereby saving the officer's life.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following officers of the Regiment have been mentioned in Despatches by the C. in C. M.E, F .: -

Captain R. G C. Brock, Staff Capt., 88th Brigade, 22-d Division. Lieut. W. Wilberforce, R. of O. (Temp. Major Royal Marines). Also the following officers and N.C O. of our affiliated Battalion, the

Canterbury Battalion of New Zealand:—
Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. J. Brown.

Lieut. L. J. Gibbs. 2nd-Lieut. J. B. Le Mottèe,

No. 6/234 Sergeant D. D. Gill.

MAJOR-GENERAL CHADS, C.B.

The death occurred on Oct. 28th at Southsea of Major-General William John Chads, C.B., aged 85.

General Chads was educated at Marlborough, and entered the Army in 1847. He served in the Burmese War of 1852-3, and for his work was three times mentioned in despatches, was thanked by the Governor-General of India in Council, and received the brevet of major. In the Russian War of 1854 he served with the Baltic Expedition and was present at the capture of Bomarsund and the adjacent forts.

For a period in 1855 he held the appointment of Staff Captain at Smyrna, and afterwards that of Commandant at Smyrna and Abydos. From 1876 to 1881 he commanded the 62nd (Wilts) Regiment, and after being employed in Egypt in 1882 he commanded the West Kent Regimental District until 1887, in which year he was made a C.B. He was appointed colonel of the Border Regiment in February, 1909.

He will be remembered with affection by all who served under him when he was in command of the 50th Regimental District at Maidstone.

LIEUT. GENERAL E. A. H. ALDERSON, C.B.

The Regiment will rejoice to hear that Lieut.-Genera Alderson has been appointed "Commandeur Legion d'Honneur" by the French Government. Our hearty congratulations to him on the well deserved honour M.E.F.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

Brigadier-General Martyn has been transferred to the command of the 67th Brigade, 22nd Division.

LIEUT.-COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY.

The Regiment will be pleased to hear that Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley has been appointed to the Command of the 12th Brigade, Indian Expeditionary Force D. A recognition not only of his services, but also of the good work accomplished by the Battalion. Major C. E. Kitson is in command of the Battalion, as Major R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan has been invalided.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

We are indebted to Mr. J. L. Spoor for the following list of our men who are Prisoners of War in Germany in addition to the former list which was published in our May issue :-

7957 Pte. R. Ambrose, Doberitz 5819 Pte. A. J. Bailey, Friedrichfeld 10021 Pte. W. Bridger, Wahn bei Coln 9144 Lc.-Corpl. A. Clarke, Wahn bei

1012 Pte. A, Collins, Munster 6535 Pte. J. W. Cole, Spandau bei Berlin

9770 Pte. C. Donald, Quedlingburg 7688 Pte. T. Dow, Doberitz 9881 Pte. D. Egan, Doberitz 6922 Pte. E. Evans, Wittenburg 8006 Pte. H. Fletcher, Suderzollhaus

6799 Pte. F. Haigh, Friedrichsfeld

83b7 Pte. A. Moody, Giessen
5548 Pte. J. Organ, Wahn bei Coln
7189 Pte. F. Pryer, Wahn bei Coln
7268 Pte. J. Pike, Friedrichsfield
7486 Pte. F. Pitfield, Tingleff
7715 Pte. F. Packer. Quedlingburg
6074 Corpl. A. Price, Wahn bei Coln
7285 Pte. J. Packham, Minden
5698 Pte. H. Pope, Friedrichsfeld
6658 Pte. W. Riley, Doberitz
7321 Sergt. G. S. Reeves, Gottingen
6688 Pte. — Sibthorpe, Wahn bei
Coln
Pte. F. Smith, Bohmte
6499 Sergt, E. Turner, Hameln

768. F. Smith, Bonmie 6439 Sergt, E. Turner, Hameln 10807 Pte. J. Tyler, Hesepe 7352 Pte. A. Waghorne, Soltau 5680 Pte. C. Warner, Quedlingburg 8773 Pte. J. T. Wilkins, Wahn bei

Coln

7992 Pte. R. Woodcock, Friedrichsfeld

EIGHTH BATTALION INTELLIGENCE.

Owing to the severe losses (the casualties being 22 Officers and about 550 other ranks) sustained by the 8th Battalion on Sept. 25th and 26th, we have been unable to get any direct information. We are, however, enabled to state that the Battalion covered themselves with glory; the Staff of the 24th Division informed an Officer of one of our other Battalions, who is on the Staff of another Division, that they did splendidly, and the following extract from a speech made to the Brigade by the General confirms this:—

"Men of the Queen's (Royal West Surrey), the Buffs, East Surreys, and West Kents,—You have added glory to the ancient regiments of which you are the children. You have made the 72nd Infantry Brigade a name which none of you can be other than proud of, and which I know in the future you will never allow to diminish. I feel it a great honour to have had the chance of commanding such troops on service, and I shall never forget the ground about Hulluch village."

So concludes the message which General Mitford, commanding the 72nd Infantry Brigade, addressed to four Battalions of Kitchener's Army as the outcome of their work in the advance movement. Earlier in the message the General stated:—

"The way the brigade advanced under very heavy machine-gun fire from flanks and rear has evoked the approbation of the Divisional and Corps Commanders. You were an example in steadiness and determination to carry out your task, not only to the new armies but to seasoned troops, who could not have done better than you did. . . You caused sixteen of the enemy's reserve battalions to be brought up into our area and taken away from the French just south of us, thereby enabling the French to make an appreciable advance.

"I should like all of you who know the relatives of those who are not with us to make known to them how gallantly they fought and how nobly they served their country, in whose service, they fell, and what prestige they brought to the names of the regiments to which they belong."

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following two accounts of the action:—

The 8th West Kents in Action.

Referring to the recent advance, an officer writes :-

The 8th Battalion R.W.K.R. had been brought by long night marches from the villages, where we were billeted, up to————, where we found ourselves on Friday night, September 24th. Many of the men were tired and footsore, and we were hoping for a rest, but about one o'clock on Saturday morning orders came to fall in and march up. We had a good long halt just in front of a battery of our 4.7's, which was very welcome. Just as it was getting dark, in pouring rain, we moved up, leading the Division, and advanced over our own and the German trenches which had been captured that morning. We spent the night in the old German communication trenches. It was impossible to get up much food or water, and we were all very hungry and thirsty. On the next (Sunday) morning we got rather a severe dose of shelling, and suffered some casualties. Meanwhile our guns had been hammering the enemy hard.

About 11 o'clock we got the orders to attack the German position. The men got out of the trenches and never wavered in their advance, clearing the enemy out of all the forward positions. About half a mile in front, over the crest of a ridge, we came to a new wire entanglement, and the ground in front of it was swept by rifle and machine gun fire from the trenches and from several fortified buildings on the left flank and from a wood on the right. It was here that we suffered most of our casualties, and our Colonel fell. He had been walking up and down encouraging the men, when he was wounded and was soon after hit.

At last, seeing that nothing more could be done, the order to retire was passed down. After the first rush the men walked back. Only one officer (Lieutenant Tilley) and 250 men got back to the trenches we had left. They drove off strong counter attacks by the enemy until relieved the next day.

The Regiment, and indeed the whole Brigade (8th Buffs, 8th Queens, 9th East Surreys) have received the highest praise. We drew off no fewer than 16 German Battalions from the French Front and enabled our Allies to advance.

The Glorious Charge of the 8th West Kents.

It is pretty well known now that the 8th (Service) Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment took a leading part in the recent great advance on the Western Front. They suffered severely, in officers and men alike, but maintained the glorious traditions of the Regiment whose name they bear.

1309 Sergeant George Young, 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, B.E.F., writing on October 3rd, to the Editor of the "Kent Messenger," says:

"SIR,—No doubt you have heard of the terrific battle that was fought along the Front on Sept. 25th, 26th, 27th, and the never-to-be-f6rgotten charge of the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent; and knowing plenty of Maidstone and district men, but not their addresses, I thought that your paper was the best medium through which to let the relatives of fallen men know how gallantly they fought for their King and Country, giving their lives as only Britishers know how, and showing that we can still raise the true Britisher in that good old county of Kent So our Battalion has added to the laurels already won by our Regular Battalions, who we know are proud of us, and it will, I am sure, be gratifying to the relatives of our fallen chums to know that they died heroes every one, and that the sympathy of the remainder of the Battalion goes out to them.

"To give a little idea of the doings of the Battalion. We left our billets to move nearer the scene of operations, arriving at the field base at 2 a.m. We rested a few hours, and were off again at 11 a.m., to take the trenches for a night attack. This, however, was not deemed advisable on account of the heavy bombardment the Germans were raining on us, as they were suspecting a certain amount of activity in our lines. At 10 a.m. next day we were told that the West Kents would lead the attack at 11 a.m. We began to look round ourselves to see that we were all ready. At 10.45 a.m. the order came 'Packs ofi.' Punctual to time came the order, West Kents, Advanc!' They mounted the parapet like one man, led by our gallant officers, who are worthy of the highest praise. Across the open they rushed as if on a field day at home. Before our goal was reached we had to cross a granite road, which proved a death trap, being enfiladed by the Germans' machine guns from both flanks. Here many men fell. The German trenches were at last reached, and thus our object was attained, and we had taken part in one of the greatest battles of the world's history."

A letter has been received from an Officer, who was wounded and made a prisoner, saying that they were opposed by the Saxons, who treated the wounded very well.

A memorial service was held in St. George's, Hanover Square, on the 8th October for the Officers and men who fell in this action.

VETERAN'S SOLDIER SONS.

FAMILY FOLLOW IN FOOTSTEPS OF THEIR FATHER.

There was a long record of military service behind John Lewyer, who died as the result of a street accident in Millwall. He was at Majuba in 1881, took his discharge the following year, but went back when men were wanted in South Africa in 1900. This year he re-enlisted for active service with his old regiment, the Royal West Kents. John Lewyer, whose father was in the Crimean War, left four sons and two sons-in-law fighting for King and Country. His eldest son is in the 4th Hussars, another in the East Surreys (wounded), and the other two with the Essex, one of them missing in the Dardanelles.

News from the Battalions.

1st BATTALION.

Since my last contribution to the Gazette, several noteworthy changes in the personnel of the Battalion have taken place. We have lost Lieut.-Colonel Robinson who has been promoted to a Brigade of the New Army.

Captain H. B. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O., promoted Major, and to com-

mand of the Battalion.

Captain W. Newton is acting as Adjutant. Captain R. Lynch-White has left the Regiment to take up an appointment on the staff. In the cases of Colonel Robinson and Captain Lynch-White, what is our loss is someone else's gain, and we heartily wish them both success in, and long life to enjoy their new appointments.

We have met the 6th Battalion here, and by this Battalion's correspondence of September, notice they use syrup to catch flies with. Our 2nd Battalion, with which not a few of us have served in the shiny East, has added more lustre to the Regiment in the Persian Gulf, and has gained six D.C.M.'s

more lustre to the Regiment in the Persian Gulf, and has gained six D.C.M.'s already. By a letter received in France we learn they are having it quiet at present, and that "Possi" Colebrooke was shot in the back by a wounded Turk, who immediately joined the "Great majority."

Our sympathy is accorded to our old comrade's relations.

In the Divisional League, a football match between 1st R.W. Kent Regiment and 2nd K.O.Y.L.I., resulted in the former being "strafed" to the tune of 8—1. It was a "non-combatant" contest on our side, our team being composed of C.Q.M.S.'s and a few men from the "Transport." One of the team retired after the first exchanges owing to a shortage of wind, and although the remainder stuck it like Heroes (Mons) they were seen to be suffering from the same complaint. the same complaint.

Of course we hope to do better in the next heat, although we are meeting even better teams than the K.O.Y.L.I. (for the K.O.S.B.'s and "Dukes" are better) we can promise our supporters that the score will not be so bad as 8—I, even if we have to "Trench Mortar" the Referee.

A telephone orderly was sent to the Adjutant's "dug-out" for the "Situation Report."

Losing his bearings in the dark he landed in that of the Medical Officer.

Losing his bearings in the dark he landed in that of the Medical Officer. Awaking this gentleman he demanded "The Situation Report, Sir, for the Brigade."
"Go away, Mon, or you'll get a number 9" came the muffled reply from

neath the Blankets.

Overheard from the K.O.S.B.'s billet, "Somewhere at the back of the Front," as dog passes with home-made muzzle on. Hoots! Mon, look at the dug wi' the respirater on!! the dug wi' the respirater on !!

2nd BATTALION.

NASIRIYAH, September 3rd, 1915.

The Officer Commanding and Battalion writes :-

In the July number of the "Queen's Own Gazette" I notice that under the heading "Comforts sent to the 2nd Battalion," in giving a list of the articles it is stated that "nothing has yet been acknowledged from the 2nd Battalion."

This was before I had had time to send an acknowledgment, as parcels sometimes take two months to reach us if we are in any one of the advanced stations. I have since acknowledged each parcel as it arrived, but I have only quite recently been able to account for one batch of parcels which was sent to Ahwaz just after we had left, and was then delayed at Basra for some weeks.

We have now received all parcels notified as having been sent out to us. Perhaps you will kindly publish this letter so that your readers may know that all comforts sent to us have safely arrived. I am glad to have this opportunity of thanking many kind donors for their generous gifts and of saying how much we of this Battalion appreciate all that has been done for us.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully, S. H. PEDLEY, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding and Battalion.

2nd BATTALION DIARY (continued).

June 19th-The Battalion (less No. 4 Company who were in Ahwaz) embarked on barges and launches for Basra.

June 20th-Battalion sailed for Basra.

June 21st-Arrived Basra. Nos. 1 and 2 Companies billeted on the Ashar Creek Headquarters, and No. 3 Company spent night on board, moving into billets in the Belgian Consulate the next day. Stayed in billets till

July 3-Draft of N.C.O.'s and men joined from India. Battalion moved into Ashar Barracks.

July 8th-Headquarters, and Nos. 1 and 3 Companies sailed for Qurnah.

July 9th-Arrived at Qurnah, and Companies moved into huts.

July 10th-Companies re-embarked on the Mejidieh and

sailed up the Euphrates towards Nasiriyah.

July 11th—Mejidieh arrived at Asani (12th Divisional Camp), about six miles from Nasiriyah. Heavy firing was heard at time of arrival (10.30 p.m.), and Battalion was ordered to remain on board as a reserve, and to be ready to disembark at a moment's notice.

July 12th—Battalion remained on board all day, but was ordered to disembark in the evening and attack the village of Shakair in conjunction with the 48th Pioneers. suspended for 24 hours just before the troops disembarked. No. 4 Company and details left Ahwaz for Basra.

July 13th-8 p.m. Battalion transhipped to Blosse Lynch.

No. 4 Company and details arrived Basra 5 p.m.

July 14-Battalion disembarked at Safety Point, and moved During stay in Asani camp sniping into General Reserve. was particularly heavy each night.

July 16th-Nos. 3 and 4 Companies left Basra for Nasiriyah. July 17th—Battalion moved into front line of trenches with

the 2nd/7th Gurkhas.

July 18th—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies arrived in the Hammar Lake and spent the day getting on and off the barges while the steamer got on and off the mud.

July 19th-Battalion relieved in the trenches by 67th

Punjabis. Nos. 3 and 4 still on the mud.

July 20th - Battalion remained in reserve. Nos. 3 and 4

Companies arrived at Asani and rejoined headquarters.

July 23rd—Battalion still in reserve. During the evening orders were received for an attack on the enemy's position at dawn, the Battalion to lead. Nos. 1 and 3 Companies moved up into advanced trenches in preparation for next morning's attack, the enemy meanwhile indulging in violent "evening hate." Machine gun section moved with the Brigade machine guns into position.

July 24th—5 a.m. Artillery bombardment; 5.30 Nos. 1 and 3 advanced, supported by Nos. 2 and 4. (Further details

appeared in our October issue.-Ed.)

July 25th-12th Brigade left their bivouacs and marched into Nasiriyah. Exceptionally hot going through the palm groves. Arrived at 2 p.m. and bivouacked on the river bank. Remained

August 7th-When the battalion changed camp. During this time (25, vii., 15-7, viii., 15) Nasiriyah underwent a house to house search for arms and ammunition.

August 10th—Another search through Nasiriyah.

Sept. 7—Draft of officers, N.C.O.'s and men from 1/4th R.W. Kent Regiment, 1/5th R.W. Kent Regiment, 1/5th Buffs, 2/4th Devons, 2/6th Devons joined the Battalion.

Sept. 9th—Battalion inspection and addressed by Major-General G. F. Gorringe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 12th (Indian) Division.

CONCERT.

On September 9th the 2nd R.W. Kent Regiment gave a successful concert, attended by General Gorringe and his staff. The concert was held under the palm trees on the banks of the Euphrates in what some of our lady novelists would describe as "delightfully oriental scenery," but is described here in less flattering terms, and was very well attended. We congratulate Captain A. S. Bredon for the entire management of the proceedings, but more especially for his forethought in arranging with the local snipers to stay away on that particular night.

The programme, with our comments attached, was as

follows :-

I. Overture, The Band. The rendering of "El Abanico" by the Puca Persian Band (mouth organ) has opened up a new vista in the realms of harmony; II. Recitation, "The Actor," Private Jeffries. Private Jeffries, having side-stepped the medical faculty on his way to the stage, conveyed no impression that he was "attending C." III. Song, "Tipperary," Lieut. F. Grey. Lieut. Grey appeared to be "painting the lily," it seems an uncommon long way to anywhere from Nasiriyah. IV. Conjuring, Major J. F. Tyrrell (A O.C.). We have decided not to play bridge with Major Tyrrell. V. Song, "Rag Time Navvy," Private Hehir. This reminded us vividly of work done in Ahwaz. VI. Song, "Your eyes have told me so," Private Wenman (1/5th The Buffs). This singer's mellow voice would have been heard to great advantage, had he not been in hospital at the moment. VII. Song, "Chorus Crazy," Private Fisher. This brought many melodies to our minds. We must remember to ask Private Fisher what it all means. VIII. Exhibition Boxing, Sergt. Darley v. Pte. Savill (2 rounds), Sergt. Darley v. Pte. Briseldon (2 rounds). We would far rather watch this sort of thing than perform in this heat. IX. Song, "The Three Sheikhs, Lieutenants Grey, Battye and Ashton. The local colour of these three officers was so vivid that they narrowly escaped arrest on their way to the stage. Interval, during which selections on the gramophone were given. X. Lightning Sketches, "S'marvelious!" Lance-Corporal Wade. XI. Song, "Yesterday you called me sweetheart," Private Staples. Who did? Some people have all the luck, even in Nasiriyah. XII. Song, "Out made me love you," Lieut. Balbernie. This was rendered with so much feeling, that tears choked the singers utterance. XIII. Song, "Ottites," Corporal Funnell. We hope the Division appreciated the good advice given by Corporal Funnell as much as the audience did his singing. XIV. Song, "My little grey home in the West," Corporal Hinds (1/5th The Buffs). Many of the audience already having little grey homes in the same direction,

A BRILLIANT VICTORY IN PERSIA. Five of a Family Serving.

We are indebted to the "Windsor Express" for the following account of the action on July 24th at Nazariyah:—
Lance-Corpl. T. Bough, of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), a Windsor boy, writing from "Somewhere in Persia" ("where the dates grow," he adds) to friends at Windsor, says:—

"Thinking perhaps you would like to hear about our last 'picnic,' I send you a few details. On the 23rd of July we took up our position in the support trenches, and at 2.30 a.m. on the 24th my double company had orders to remain there in support. At 5 a.m. our Artillery, with their howitzers, started the bombardment of the enemy's trenches, accompanied

by 18-pounders and mountain guns. The din and noise were awful. Of course the enemy soon answered them, and the fun commenced. Our advance trench was only 350 yards from the Turks, At 3.30 we started our attack. By the word we I mean the Infantry. Our Battalion formed the first line. Before we started the attack my company had moved into the advance trench, as we also wanted to be in the fun. Well, we got the order 'Fix bayonets, advance,' which we did into a small date palm plantation, about 20 yards long; and as soon as we got the open, well, it was the hottest little beehive that I've ever been in. There happened to be a small mound running along in front of us, about six inches high. We took cover behind this. It was simply 'hell upon earth,' and it seemed as if the enemy had every blade of grass marked. This was where we had most of our casualties. But still, it wanted more than they were giving us to stop us. We started at 5.3 a.m., and fourteen minutes later their first line of trenches belonged to us, and six hours later nearly everything they possessed was in our hands. They managed to present me with a memento about three hours from the start. Just take the odds we were up against: (1) They had been strengthening their position for eight months. (2) Their force against ours was about eight to one. (3) The temperature out here was anything from 115 to 120 in the shade—not a bad lot. I am now at the base hospital, where I have met a few of the Windsor boys, belonging to the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. I have just heard about father joining the Army, so that makes five of us: Pte. E. Bough (father), Somerset Light Infantry; C.-Q.-M. Sergt. S. E. Bough (brother), Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment); myself, lance-corporal same regiment; George (brother), private Canadian Contingent; and Bob (brother), private of same regiment as George; so I think we are doing our bit, don't you? Another thing I forgot to tell you—it was supposed to have been a three days' battle, yet it only took us six hours to

SPEECH BY MAJOR GENERAL GORRINGE TO 2nd BATT. ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.

On September 9th, 1915 Major General G. F. Gorringe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 12th (Indian) Division inspected the 2nd Battalion prior to his leaving Nasiriyeh.

His speech, given after the inspection, was couched, as nearly as possible, in the following terms. It was impossible to record it verbatim.

"Royal West Kent Regiment. It is now nearly three months since I spoke to you on parade in Basra and told you what an asset every single man was to his unit and to the force out here. I can now congratulate all ranks on the fit state you have kept yourselves, and are still in, though I know many men have been sick with fever which we all know is beyond their control. I said on that occasion how sorry I was the 12th Brigade would not accompany me, but it was only a short time later when I had to send for it. Now I want to say a few words to you about the action on the 24th July. No words of mine can adequately express my appreciation and feeling of praise to you for your conduct on that day. You may have seen a newspaper report of the action which does not give you the credit due to you, and you may feel a little disappointed, but I think that when you read my official dispatches you will see that I have done you justice, and I think you will agree that I have given you the credit due to you for your behaviour on that day." After words of advice to the recently joined reinforcement, the G.O.C. division again pointed out the necessity of keeping fit, for although we were not now taking part in the active operations on the Tigris there was no knowing how soon we might be required for active work again.

The G.O.C. then personally congratulated Pte. G. Howe who was the only one of the six N.C.O's and men who earned the D.C.M. who was present on parade.

3rd BATTALION.

On Sunday, October 3rd, after church parade, Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., in the absence of Brigadier-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., presented the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 726 Sergt. D. Wright.

The Colonel, after reading how the medal was won, made a short speech, in which he commended 'ergt. Wright on his gallantry. He then pinned the medal on the breast of the recipient and shook hands with him.

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It was forgotten to mention in the last edition of the "Q.O.G." that the constituency of Dudley kindly presented the Colonel with a magnificent mascot in the shape of a bull-dog, which now marches proudly at the head of the Battalion on all ceremonial parades.

The following officers have joined the Battalion during the period September 25th to October 24th:—Regular—Second Lieut. J. L. C. Sutherland and Second Lieut. L. L. Gordon, from R.M.C., Sandhurst. Special Reserve—Second Lieut. A. D. Penton, Second Lieut. H. B. Evans and Second Lieut. T. M. S. Battams, on first appointment; Second Lieut. G. H. Huggan, transferred from 2/4th West Riding Regiment; Second Lieut. G. G. Bradley, transferred from 9th Battalion; Captain T. P. Aldworth, from Expeditionary

Force.
The following officers left the Battalion during the same period:—Lieut. F. B. Le Cocq, Second Lieut. H. W. Waghorn, Second Lieut. A. G. Haworth, Second Lieut. R. L. Farnell, Second Lieut. C. W. B. Jarvis, Second Lieut. L. B. H. Whitby, to Indian Expeditionary Force (D); Second Lieut. F. G. Littleboy, Second Lieut. J. S. Wacher, Second Lieut. C. Hodgson, to British Expeditionary Force; Captain C. H. Wild, to 10th Battalion; Lieut. H. B. Wheeler, to A.O.D., Aldershot.
On the 13th October, Lord Harris, who is fulfilling the duties of Lord-Lieutenant of Kent in the absence of Lord Camden, accompanied by the

Lieutenant of Kent, in the absence of Lord Camden, accompanied by the Headquarter and Brigade Staffs, inspected the Battalion, after which he watched the Grenadiers firing the trench-mortar, in which he showed great

interest.

Congratulations to C. H. Wild on his promotion to Captain of the 10th Battalion; and E. A. Sharpin on his promotion to lieutenant.

FOOTBALL NEWS.

Since the last issue the following football matches have been played: -Versus the 3rd Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt., in which we were defeated -1, but on the play we were unlucky to lose, as we hit the posts severa times though only scoring once.

The financial result of this match was £10 5s. 9d., which has been sent

to the O.C. Depot for distribution among the various funds,
Our next match was against the 3rd Battalion Northamptonshire Regt.,
which resulted in a win for us by 2—1, after a very evenly contested game.
Our third and only other match during the month was against our old

opponents-Gillingham-whom we very nearly defeated, as only during the last minute of the match did they score, thus making the game a drawone goal all.

The canteen manager brought out his pet lamb, decorated with flags, and managed to collect £2 12s., so with the gate money it is hoped that a

cheque for £20 will be forwarded as the result of this match.

BOXING COMPETITION.

The fourth monthly Boxing Competition was held during the past week and the finals on the evening of the 20th. The Battalion was as usual well represented and succeeded in winning the Lightweights and Featherweights and in being the runners up in the Bantams and Featherweights. In the semi-finals of the Featherweights particular mention must be made of the fight between Private Ring and Private Fifield, both of this Battalion. The three rounds were spiritedly contested and at the end of these an extra round was awarded in which Private Ring was seen to great advantage and was given the verdict. Private Fifield at once challenged the winner to a four-round contest, which was at once accepted and took place on the same evening as the finals, Private Ring proving an easy winner. Great praise is due to Private Ring seeing that he had won the final of the Featherweights the same evening. In the finals of the Lightweights Private Gillard was an easy winner in the first round. In the Bantams Private Gant, R.W.K., was

defeated owing largely to the longer reach of his opponent.

In addition to the Competition Fighting there were some interesting special contests as follows:—Sergt. Elmes, R. W.K., v. Lance-Corpl. Shine, 6th Middlesex. The Middlesex man had the advantage throughout and Elmes was knocked out in the fifth round not without, however, having

given his opponent something to think about.

Private Harrison, R. W.K., v. Seaman Powell, R. V. This was an excellent fight and added interest was given to the same in that the opponents had met before, having a win each to their credit. After a clean and hard fight Powell was declared the winner.

Drummer Supple v. Private Gillard (both R.W.K's). In this contest Gillard proved too skilful for his opponent.

Sergt. Ramsey, R.W.K., v. Private Harvey, The Queen's Regt. This was a very indifferent show, Ramsey giving in before the contest had lasted one minute.

Altogether the meeting was a great success and augurs well for the future boxing of the regiment.

FIRST 4th BATTALION.

Jubbulpore.

"Negative information," we are told, "is at times very useful," and that being so, I am encouraged to endeavour to string together a few sentences regarding the Battalion, even although the actual amount of news that they convey proves to be of a very nebulous description.

Since my last letter little, I am afraid, has happened that is worthy of record, but in order to obviate the danger of the 1st/4th again being called to book for not supplying the Editor with information regarding its doings an effort must, I suppose, be made to put something on paper, although at the present moment I do not feel any too sanguine as to the results of that effort.

A serious start has been made on the winter programme of work.

Already one Company ("C") are engaged in ten days' company training, and the other three will follow suit in due course.

The G.O.C. the Jubbulpere Brigade has returned from his summer quarters (Pachmarhi), and our own Hill Detachment to Ramkhet are expected to rejoin the Battalion at the end of October. If present arrangements hold good we understand that we go into camp at a spot about 20 miles out in the beginning of November for six weeks' battalion and brigade training.

But we are still living in a land of rumour and are constantly hearing all sorts of tales as to what is going to happen to us. Amongst other things we are told of many different units who are on their way to relieve us, and also of the various places to which we are to be sent. First home to England, then to France or the Dardanelles; while, as a variation the Persian Gulf and the North-west Frontier are also mentioned among the possibilities. So far, however, we have heard absolutely nothing of an official nature, and many are beginning to realise that it is of little use to take notice of stories that reach us from sources other than the Divisional or Station Staff Officers. It is more than probable that many of the tales that we hear, if traced to their origins, would be found to emanate from that centre of fiction, "the bazaar."

Our C.O. has, I am glad to be able to report, returned from a short period of sick leave, following a rather severe attack of fever, apparently much improved in health. The Adjutant has also returned from Simla, where he has been on short leave; while Captain Bourne and Lieutenant Rooker are back, after a course of instruction in Intelligence Duties at A considerable number of other officers are still absent from the Battalion, either on courses of instruction or leave. Captain Locket, with two N.C.O.'s, left for Poona last week, for a two months' course at the School of Physical Training. Major Robb is away on leave, but is returning shortly, when Major Cohen will proceed on a ten days' trip. Lieut. Clough is still at the School of Signalling, while other officers are expecting to commence courses of musketry and machine gunnery shortly.

We have recently had attached to us several of the wounded and invalids of the 2nd Battalion from the Persian Gulf. Some of these have now returned to the Depot of the Battalion at Nasirabad, and are, we understand, under orders to re-join the Expeditionary Force in the

On Wednesday, the 22nd September, the sergeants gave another successful dance in the Gymnasium, which was well attended, a good proportion of the officers being present. The music was again provided by a selection from the members of the band.

A few words with regard to sport, and I have finished. The Company Football League is now completed, the premier honours resting with the old "H" Company. (It will be remembered that the competition was inaugurated on the old 8-company system). The final position in the League table are as follows:

								Goals	THE TOTAL
]	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For	Against.	Points.
H	Company	***************************************	. 14	10	3	1	25	5	23
C	Company		. 14	10	1	3	39	13	21
F	Company		. 14	7	2	5	21	15	16
E	Company		. 14	- 7	2	5	13	17	16
A	Company		. 14	4	6	4	13	15	14
D	Company		14	3	2	9	15	24	8
G	Company		. 14	3	2	9	16	22	7
В	Company		. 14	1	1	12	5	36	3

On the 26th inst, a pleasant little shooting match took place between the members of the Sergeants' Mess and the Sergeants of the R.F.A. in the Station. It was left to the Gunners to arrange the conditions of the contest, and they decided upon Service targets at 200, 300 and 500 yards. As was perhaps only to be expected, we had little difficulty in securing the victory, although it must be admitted that the score were rather below than above the average in merit on both sides. The complete record is as follows:—

4th WEST KENTS.

Sergeant-Major F. Johnson	73
Co. Q.M. Sergeant R. Weth	73
Sergeant Gardiner	72
Co. Sergeant-Major H. Woo'd	69
Sergeant Whitlock	69
Co. Sergeant-Major Carpenter	67
Sergeant Stillman	65
Sergeant Bristow	63
Co. Q.M. Sergeant T. Latter	61
Sergeant Sibley	61
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ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.	
Sergeant Potts	70
Sergeant Pike	64
Sergeant Trumpeter Nelson	64
Battery Sergeant-Major Clubbe	56
Sergeant Enser	53
Q.M. Sergeant Hayde	50
Sergeant Barber	50
Brigade Sergeant-Major Squibb	45
Battery Q.M. Sergeant Saunders	45
Sergeant Kidd	40

Although only ten members a side competed in the actual match, a number of minor competitions for all-comers were arranged, while a pool-bull target on each range proved a very popular attraction.

SECOND 4th BATTALION.

We are indebted to the "Kentish Observer" for the following:—
Sergeant Sporle, of the 2/4th Royal West Kents, who is with the British
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, writing to Mr. and Mrs. Fink, of

Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, writing to Mr. and Mrs. Fink, of Harbour Street, Whitstable, says:—

I am up in the firing line. The Battalion had four days' rest, then relieved another lot. We hadn't been there long when the Turks shelled us. We lost six men, including three Quartermaster-Sergeants. We lose a decent few through their snipers. The bullets go "ping"; that't the time to keep pretty lcw. I have never seen so many flies as there are here. We are simply swarmed. When you eat any jam you wave the knife over it all the time; even then they settle on it. The Turks, while we were resting, gave our left a night attack. It looked like a fireworks display, what with the rife flashes and rockets. Their bomb-throwers started the row; our chaps poured rife and machine gun fire into them and what with the artillery and poured rifle and machine gun fire into them, and what with the artillery and poured rife and machine gun fire into them, and what with the artillery and heavy naval guns, they had a pretty rough time. Since, we have had handbills to say that the enemy were repulsed with over 2,000 losses. We had an Italian armoured 'plane over our camp. The Turks fired at it, but all their shrapnel went wide. One of my mates got hit in the back with a piece of shrapnel. We hear marvellous news here; the German fleet was sunk, the Crown Prince's army defeated, and that the Russians had recovered and taken thousands of German prisoners. One morning we heard that the Turks had given in, but about half an hour later, when everybody thought it was all over, they started sending over shells more than ever. Of course, everyone had to laugh. everyone had to laugh.

FIRST 5th BATTALION.

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I much regret to announce the following deaths since my last letter:

No. 1330 Private J. Champion, September 17th, 1915.

No. 2002 Private W. H. Thompson, September 21st, 1915.

We are still getting hot weather, averaging 100 degrees in the shade, and the 1915-16 Annual Course of Musketry is still in full swing. We find that this part of the training has to cover a comparatively long period owing to it only being possible to be on the range in the early morning and towards the evening

A seven a-side football tournament was organised by the very energetic Secretary of the local Y.M.C.A.. The trophy competed for was a large silver cup with medals. Each company of the Battalion entered one or more teams, and one (No. 7 and 8 Platoons) got into the semifinals. Some splendidly contested games were witnessed. The finalists were Nos. 15 and 16 Platoons and the 79th Battery R.F.A.; won by the latter, 5-0.

Colonel R. M. Poore, D.S.O., 7th Hussars, has taken over the command of the Jhansi Brigade. With cricketers the name of this famous soldier and sportsman is very familiar, and as I understand he is still "strong" at the game, we shall probably be privileged by seeing him at the wickets shortly.

The following officers' names appeared in the "London Gazette" of September 25th, 1915:-To be Temporary Lieutenants: 2nd Lieuts. J. D. B. Fergusson, J. M. Pritchard, F. L. Engledow, and J. P. Carvosso.

The following having passed an Invaliding Board are allotted passage on the hospital ship "Takada," leaving Bombay for the United Kingdom on or about the 28th September: 1816 Pte. T. Hutchinson, 1847 Pte. T. W. Hollands, 2089 Pte. T. W. Danes, 2186 Pte. A. W. White, 2404 Pte. A. Talbert.

Lieut. J. D. B. Fergusson proceeds to England with this party having been granted six months' leave on medical certificate.

The following promotions and appointments have taken place since 1st September:-

7382 Sergeant-Instructor F. J. Lander to Company Sergeant-Major to date from 28th August, 1915, and transferred to "B" Company.

686 Sergeant D. T. R. Gray appointed Orderly-room Sergeant, vice Lander, 28th August, 1915.

1366 Corporal W. Colley and 166 Corporal J. Coppard to Sergeant, the former to date from 15th September, 1915, and the latter from 20th September, 1915.

2208 Corporal A. E. Cooper and 546 Corporal G. Church appointed Lance-Sergeants, 13th September, 1915.

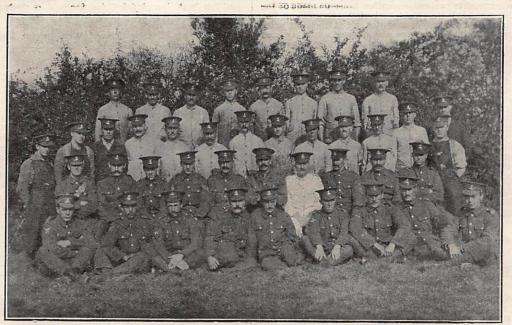
1363 Corporal H. Gamble to Lance-Sergeant 20th September, 1915

2024 Pte. L. Edmonds promoted Corporal, 28th August, 1915. 1288 Pte. H. Davis promoted Corporal, 8th August, 1915.

1033 Lance-Corpl. E. Cologne, 2480 Lance-Corpl. W. White, 2292 Lance-Corpl. C. Brown, and 1445 H. Piggott promoted Corporals, 20th September, 1915

The following have been appointed Lance-Corporals: 1332 Pte. W. Gilson, 2295 C. J. Juniper, 1945 H. Frost, 2040 C. Blezey, 2031 A. Perry, 2004 H. Trigg, 2041 D. Chandler, 1306 C. B. Butcher, and 1716 H. Angel

The following N.C.O.'s and men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education: 688 Sergt. D. T. R. Gray, 367 Sergt. W. Woodman, 954 Sergt. G. Cockell, 1414 Sergt. W. N. Needham, 986 Corpl. T. Pickett, 1253 Lance-Corpl. L. Martin, 1644 Pte. J. Morrissey, 1947 Pte. H. J. Sutton, 2487 Pte. H. J. Smith, 2257 Pte. G. Bartlett, 1264 Pte. R. Everitt, and 2445 G. Watteau.



QUARTERMASTER AND STAFF 2/5th BATTALION.

SECOND 5th BATTALION.

Nothing of moment has occurred since the last issue of the "Gazette," except our move into winter quarters at Tonbridge on October 21st, where we are now installed in billets.

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The names of company commanders and second-in-commands may be of interest:—A Company, Captain H. J. Cobb, second in command, Lieut. D. Y. Hay; B Company, Captain R. Alston, second in command, second Lieut. V. Gluckstein; C Company, Captain L. M. Brewis, second in command, Second Lieut. R. Chattell; D Company, Captain . H. Alston, second in command, Lieut. P. A. Gedge.

Our installation in winter quarters seems the final blow to the wishes of the 1/5th Battalion for our relief of them. This must be a keen disappointment to such a fine battalion. Some idea of their quality may be gathered from the fact that the two officers left behind by them last

be gathered from the fact that the two officers left behind by them last October as second lieutenants are now holding temporary field rank, one in charge of a school of instruction and the other in command of our third line unit. Lieut. Stokes and Second Lieut. Lindley Jones have been sent out to join the 1/5th.

6th BATTALION.

Of late the 6th Battalion has led a vagrant life. It has moved far from what it had come to regard as its own particular bit of the line—that bit, which in the light of present circumstances, might be regarded as quiet, subdued and peaceful, though then we thought differently. A few trench mortars, some sniping, occasional shelling, visits from the G.O.C., wiring and working by night, comprised the whole of our experiences in that land where the "Hymn of Hate" was not the creed of our friend the enemy.

We have risen to nobler, greater things! We've experienced in its direct intensity, and in its most hidious character, war! We've been honoured by being called upon to hold one of the most critical positions of the front. We've shared a fire trench with the Boches! It has been, not an amusement or a pastime, but our serious task to re-build by night our home that the enemy has blown down by day so regularly and persistently as to amaze one. What were the inconveniences of our former existence compared with aerial torpedoes, lachrymatory shells, gas and hugh "krumps" and Jack Johnson's and "coalboxes?" How we have grown!

The Battalion has had a hard time and has done well. Haven't special fine Battanon has had a hard time and has done well. Haven't special orders of the day from the Corps and Army Commanders spoken of the fine military qualities shown by the 6th Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment in attacking as we did after sustaining such a heavy bombardment all day and hasn't the Corps Commander expressed his satisfaction and appreciation of

The Battalion came out of the trenches and went into billets, and had hot food and rum. We were fewer than when we went into that hot corner, but to see them labouring along, real heroes many of them, coated in mud and chalk, bearded and unkept was to read volumes. But the inimitable Quartermaster was ready as ever. The next day the Battalion was refitted and cleaned. It brushed away all signs of its hard life, and settled down with a smile to rest.

Note by Editor.

We learn that the Battalion made a night attack on a German Gun, after undergoing a severe bombardment during the whole day. Congratulatory messages to the Battalion appeared in Divisional, and also in General Head-quarters orders, saying this action "showed a fine military spirit."

7th BATTALION.

It is a little quaint for us peaceable beings to send monthly accounts of our uneventful existence to that place of hate, frightfulness and Zeppelins, which once was LONDON. But true it is, that between the opposing G.H.Q.'s we dwell at the moment in a little Goshen of our own. Not that the inconceivable has happened, or that the 7th had a rest, but it is with the

bick to day, not the bayouet that our hands are weary.

We seem to have settled at last, trenches, billets, trenches, billets, come as regularly as Ford Place and "Musketry in Huts" of old times. In the one case we dig for ourselves, in the other for the R.E. And this, if we forget the thousands which the snipers and the tens of thousands which the machine gunners slay, and which the Hun is so inconsiderate as to remove before we can count them, is the chief difference between trench and billet except of course, for that fearful and wonderful institution the Divisional

And yet the Battalion we know can never be the same again. We have lost our two Colonels. It's not for us to question the fiats of the W.O. in their rigid superannuations, we only know that rest was well earned whenever it came. And hard as it must be to have sown for others to reap, both Colonel Prior and Colonel Ryall have at least the satisfaction of knowing that the Battalion and the Company they trained from their raw beginnings, are as little able to be bettered now as they are likely to fell off sindness. are as little able to be bettered now, as they are likely to fall off under the successors they have found.

9th BATTALION.

After six weeks acquaintance with Shoreham, officers and men of the Battalion are generally, it is believed, inclined to admit that it isn't such a bad place after all. So far almost summer weather has prevailed and camp life has been decidely pleasant. Of course no one knows how long our stay in huts will last. Already there are rumours, if not indications, that when the winter arrives we shall go into billets at Worthing or Hove. But we

take no notice of Dame Rumour nowadays, she has deceived us so often! Steps have, of course, been taken to introduce as much comfort in the camp as possible, so even if we winter there we ought to survive.

Considerable activity has prevailed during the month under review. More draft have been sent out; twenty-five officers have gone to the front; several parties have fired on the range, and the recruits have received a thorough initiation into the training of soldiers of the King. Our last graits have nearly exhausted what were left of original 9th Battalion men. Fine fellows they were, all of them, and as keen as mustard to go out to fight the Hun. Our 7th and 8th Battalions have been very pleased with the men we have sent them, and this is gratifying to our Commanding Officer and the Officers and N.C.O.'s who were responsible for their training. We don't Officers and N.C.O.'s who were responsible for their training. We don't envy the sons of the Fatherland who happen to meet the 9th Battalion lads in hand-to-hand fighting. Bayonet fighting, we may add, is a special accomplishment of the men who have left our Battalion. All our draft's have had splendid send offs. Our Colonel uttered his usual kindly words of encouragement and when the left deferment of the half deferment of the send when the left deferment of the send when the send whe ment, and when the last draft went off he added that "the train to Berlin is waiting," a remark that put our fellows in the best of good spirits.

Naturally we heard the news of the heavy losses sustained by our gallant comrades of the 8th Battalion with the deepest regret. The news spread like wildfire through the camp.

Two of our officers and a party of N.C.O.'s are away on a recruiting cam-gn. We cannot as yet record the number of recruits they have secured. Quite a number of officers and N.C.O.'s have started or completed special

courses in musketry, machine guns, bomb throwing, transport, etc. We are glad to note the success of Lance-Sergeant Acton who passed distinguished in the rifle course at the School of Musketry, Hythe. Sergeant G. Churchett has also qualified as 1st Class Instructor in the Lewis Machine Gun at the Hythe School of Musketry.

Amongst the officers who have left us during the month are 2nd Lieuts. W. E. Miskin and G. L. Stokes, both of whom have been transferred to the R.F.A.

We regret to record the death, which took place suddenly on October 7th, of Company Quartermaster-Sergeant G. Ingram (B Company). He died during the night and his death caused a painful sensation in camp. Company during the hight and his death caused a painful sensation in camp. Company Quartermaster-Sergeart Ingram was only 39 years of age. He was an old 2nd Battalion man, and was Officers' Mess Sergeant in Ceylon. He saw service in the Boer War, and was awarded the Queen's Medal. When he left the service he joined the Corps of Commissionaires, and was employed by the British Aluminium Company. He joined the 9th Battalion in October last year so was well known. He leaves a widow and daughter in India, to whom our sergeants sent a cable announcing the news of his death, and adding an expression of grayacthy. expression of sympathy.

The funeral took place with full military honours at Shoreham Cemetery on the 11th October, the first portion of the Burial Service being held in the Garrison Church where the senior Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. Hales officiated. The Rev. J. W. McComba conducted at the cemetery. There was a large attendance, including about 60 representatives from other units in the Garrison. The firing party consisted of men from B Company. The Band of the 11th East Surrey Regiment and our Regimental "Drums" were in attendance. Amongst the flowers were wreaths from the Officers and Sergeants of B Company, the members of the Sergeants' Mess, 9th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, and the Sergeants' Mess of the Queen's and Middlesex Battalions.

Here is a little story concerning a company whose identity not even wild horses would drag from us. Suffice it to say that a certain company of a certain battalion stationed not a hundred miles from Shoreham paraded in certain battalion stationed not a hundred miles from Shoreham paraded in the dark and went on night operations. These operations were conducted in quite the proper manner. In the course thereof the men arrived in close proximity to a farmhouse, where situated the Censor will not permit us to say. All was going well, Commendable silence reigned. The scheme seemed to be a good one. Suddenly, however, the silence of the night was rudely broken by a stentorian voice demanding what the blankety blank these soldiers were doing there. The officers and men smiled. No one was alarmed. Investigation showed that this disturber of the night watches was none other than the farmer, the occupier of the house himself who arread with none other than the farmer, the occupier of the house himself who, armed with his gun not only demanded what these gallant boys in khaki were up to, but threatened to shoot the lot if they did'nt soon "clear off"! What happened next is not clear, but at any rate the engagement ended without a shot being

Since the last notes appeared the Regimental orchestra has been doing great service for the Battalion and fully justifying its existence, not only for the concerts, but also on practice nights, a host of admirers assemble to hear the good music that is played.

The first concert of the season was held a fortnight ago in the Recreation Room, and was a great success from every point of view. Two of our officers are members of the orchestra. Another of these concerts is being held this week, and we are hoping to have a great time.

Very little need be said concerning the "drums," for its work speaks for itself, as surely as that pugnacious mascot—the goat. But what shall we say of the recruiting march through Worthing? It demonstrated the excellence of "The Queen's Own" Drummers, and was one long triumph from beginning to end.

The civilian population were visibly delighted to hear the "drums," and looked with pleasure at the party as they stepped smartly along to the strains of "Tipperary" and other well-known patriotic airs, which had been arranged in march form by the Sergeant-Drummer. All the boys agreed that it was an experience to be remembered with pride.

10th BATTALION.

From an ambitious and patriotic point of view we regret to say that our

Battalion has not realised its desires.

We have all been looking forward to a shift nearer our goal, but owing to the fact that we have not had the success in recruiting that we looked for, we have been relegated to a junior brigade, which means a longer stay in

Maidstone than was anticipated.

The Battalion is still under canvas, and up to the present is still enjoying the delights of good weather, although rather "breezy" in the morning. It has been rather a quiet month in the way of sport or entertainments, which has been rather a quiet month in the way of sport or entertainments, which of course is not surprising when one considers the fact that we are working for proficiency as hard as we possibly can. Regarding our proficiency-For the period of its existence the Battalion is considered as being absolutely up to the mark in all departments. This remark is not to be considered an idle boast but is given in order that the remainder of the Regiment may be pleased to know that its reputation is being kept up by the last formed Battalion.

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Our band deserves further congratulations on its progress and the energetic efforts of the Bandmaster are appreciated by all ranks.

An inspection by Lord Harris, Vice-Lieutenant of the County, took place last month. The Battalion marched past in mass and afterwards A Company performed a few movements in Company Drill, and C Company Physical Training.

Since the above was written the Battalion has moved into billets in

Maidstone.

11th BATTALION.

Steady progress has marked the past month's work, and the Battalion is gradually nearing its full strength in officers and men. The promotions of N.C.O.'s has been rapid owing to the formation of "D" Company, which is approaching its completion.

The autumnal weather put an end to open air al fresco concerts, but a very high-class performance was given at the end of September in the Parish Church Hall at Ladywell. Lieuts. Purver and Habrow made all the arrangements, and the artistes included Manning and Roberts (from the Alhambra), Miss Ella Shields (Lewisham Hippodrome), Mr. Leslie Stuart (composer of "Soldiers of the King," etc.), Lieut Habrow, Misses Edmondson, Mr. F. Leeds, Mus.Bac., Miss Buckman, Mr. L. Sadgrove, C.Q.M.S. Watkins, A.S.C., Miss Robina Gregory, and Miss Cox.

The open boxing competition provided a fine evening's sport, and attracted a large number of entries, and a fine audience. Results:-

Bantam-weights.-First series: Private Dawson (R.W.K.) beat Private Walls (R.W.K.); Private England (R.W.K.) beat Private Topham (A.S.C., M.T.); Private Spanswick (R.W.K.) beat Private Emerson (A.S.C.); Driver Smith (R.F.A.) beat Private Oates (R.W.K.). Second series: Dawson beat Spanswick, England beat Smith. Final: England beat Dawson.

Feather-weights.—First series: Lance-Corporal Baker (R.W.K.) beat Private Williams (R.W.K.); Private Cripps (A.S.C.) beat Private Gilham (R.W.K.) Privates Fennell and Sparks (A.S.C.) disqualified, Lance-Corpl. Cooper (R.W.K.) a bye. Second series: Cooper beat Baker, Cripps a bye.

Final: Cooper beat Cripps.

Light-weights.—First series: Corporal Oates (R.F.A.) beat Private Denham (R.W.K.); Gunner Stacey (R.F.A.) beat Private Tucker (A.S.C.); Sergeant Stacey (A.S.C.) a bye. Second series: Oates beat Sergeant Stacey, Gunner Stacey a bye. Final: Gunner Stacey beat Corporal

Middle-weights. - First series: Bandsman O'Rourke (R.W.K.) beat Lance-Corporal Cooper (R.W.K.); Private McBride (A.S.C.) and Driver Hatch byes. Second series: McBride beat Hatch, O'Rourke a bye. Final: McBride beat O'Rourke.

Six-round Contests .- 9 stone: Private McNally (R.W.K.) beat Private Smith (R.W.K.); Gunner Bannister (R.F.A.) (11 stone) beat Lance-Corporal Waller (R.W.K.) (10st. 4lbs.); Private Webb (A.S.C.) (12st. 8lbs.) beat Gunner Smith (R.F.A.) (12st. 4lbs.).

Thus the Battalion won three out of the six events in which they took part. The O.C. and officers, with officers from other regiments,

attended throughout the meeting.

Now that the cricket season is over, full preparation is being made for football. Captain G. F. Pragnell (Adjutant) is Hon. Secretary of the Battalion Club, and C.S.M. MacGregor has taken charge of the Association team. The Signalling Section has started a team, and is in full play.

On September 29th a full military funeral was accorded to Sergeant Mills, of the 3rd Battalion, one of the Special Reserve sergeants, of Deptford.

The W.O.'s, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants organised a most successful dance at the Sportsbank Hall, the lion's share of the work falling upon Bandmaster Lamport and Sergeant Garland.

Capital concerts have been organised for soldiers in the district at the Soldiers' Club, and Lieut. Clarke Richardson is to be congratulated upon the success of one in which the Battalion provided the whole of the talent, including well performed glees by the 11th R.W. Kent Quartette-Sergeant Pearson, Corporal Neville, Lance-Corporals Buddel and Cannings. While Corporal Germer made an excellent accompanist.

Two big recruiting marches have been held during the month, one for South London and another for Woolwich, to both of which the Battalion sent imposing contingents under the command of Major Annesley. The smartness of the men and the excellent performances of the bands evoked much comment.

On 11th October an interesting ceremony took place after Church parade, when the C.O. (Lieut.-Colonel H. Searle) presented C.S.M. Tranter with the long service medal, his 18 years' service having been chiefly spent with the 2nd Battalion. Sergeant-Major Goulds is his only senior among the warrant officers now serving with the 11th.

The Battalion has taken considerable interest in the work of the Red Cross Society, and a demonstration has been held on the parade ground during the past month, when the local Committee showed what was being done, and the Mayor (Alderman Jackson), the Mayoress, Sir George and Lady Pragnell, Miss Vera Pragnell, and others, who have done so much in connection with this excellent Society, were present.

On Friday, 21st October, the funeral took place of Private Lowe, the first member of the Battalion to join the great majorty. The arrangements were made by "B" Company, to which the late member belonged, and were splendidly carried through. Each company sent a wreath, the band attended, and full military honours were conferred, the ceremony at the grave being taken by the Acting Chaplain (Rev. Bainbridge Bell), and the attendance, in addition to the relatives, included the Colonei, the Adjutant, the Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of "B" Company, and a large local crowd of sympathisers.

On Saturday, 22nd, there were open sports held at the Ravensbourne Club, Lee Green. The Battalion sent a very satisfactory entry for most events, and although they were up against splendidly trained teams made a good show, concluding well up, and taking prizes in the cross country (five miles) and grenade throwing events.

Training has gone on steadily, and the men are keen to succeed.

One of the events of the month has been the re-brigading. We are now in the 122nd Brigade (41st Division).

20th County of London Regiment.

This Battalion greatly distinguished itself at the taking of Loos This Battalion greatly distinguished itself at the taking of Loos After the capture of the village they held it for three days and two nights before they were relieved. Out of the 19 officers that went into action, six were killed and five wounded, but the losses in other ranks were comparatively small. In the enemy's killed, wounded and prisoners they must have accounted for many more than their own strength, as in many places the trenches were choked with them, and in one heap alone 50 were counted. They captured two field guita which heave been presented to the Pattalion and we have seen two field guns, which have been presented to the Battalion, and are now on

their way home with its name painted on them.

On the way back from the firing line they passed our 6th Battalion.

It will be remembered that the 20th County of London was formed from our old 2nd and 3rd Volunteer Battalions, and it still enjoys the privilege of wearing the same cap badge as we do. It has always been a source of regret to us that their connection with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

has been severed.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS, GRANTHAM COMPANY.

The following appeared in the issue of the "Volunteer Training Corps Gazette" for October 9th:—"That up to the present the record as the oldest active member of a Volunteer Training Corps must be considered to be that of Mr. Roger Hunt, of the Grantham Company. He is 82 years of age, but wonderfully active and keen, and never misses a drill. He enlisted in the 50th Regiment, at Preston, in August, 1852, and served all through the Crimean War, and the New Zealand Campaign, retiring with the rank of Colour-Sergeant." On Sunday last, an interesting presentation was made. Before commencing drill, the Commandant (Mr. C. F. Barrell) called Sergt. Hunt out, and informed him that he had the authority of the Central Association to hand to him the Efficiency Badge, at the same time pointing out that this was a special honour, as, owing to his advancing years, it was recognised that it was impossible for him to pass the shooting test. The Commandant congratulated Sergt. Hunt upon the fact that since the Volunteer Training Corps had been in existence he had put in nearly ninety drills, in addition to many other attendances, and he thought that such a record should be an example to others in the town and district who were too old to join the Regular Forces, but were quite competent to undertake such duties as might eventually be allocated to the V.T.C. Immediately after the presentation, the second in command (Mr. R. G. Shadbolt) called for three cheers for the veteran, which were heartily given by every man in the Corps.

THE ROAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. GREENWICH.

On October 12th Colonel Brock paid a visit to this School for the purpose of thanking the Head Mistress, the Staff, and Pupils on behalf of Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., and the Regiment generally, for the magnificent work they have done, and are doing, to provide Comforts for our men. As our readers will have seen, not a month passes that they do not send a consignment of goods to the Depot, and we are glad to say that not only has the Head Mistress, Miss Walker, received many letters of thanks from our men at the front, but that two visited the School when on sick leave, and personally expressed their gratitude.

Several of the girls have relatives in the various Battalions of the Regiment, and Colonel Brock spoke to each of these

separately.

A Fire Alarm was sounded, when the girls, numbering 350, were at work in their class rooms on the different floors, and the order and discipline shown was most marked, as they formed up quietly in the playground. After this the whole school sang two ballads in the most charming manner, and Colonel Brock then gave a short address on the History of the Regiment, for which the School is doing so much.

Miss Walker writes :- "I would like to give you the facts about the visit paid to the School by the two men I mentioned, as it shows a fine spirit of courtesy, of which the Regiment Such things do not grow in a day, and must be proud.

must mean a fine tradition."

SERGEANT EDMUND EGGLESDEN (6655) on leaving the Convalescent Home in Berks, after his recovery from illness in hospitals in France and at Oxford, called to express the gratitude of the N.C.O.'s and Men for the things the School had been sending out. Sergeant Egglesden had written from the front many times since January last, and has always said that the others felt as he did.

PRIVATE A. OGDEN (10,100) on getting home on leave after illness (gas-poisoning), called on behalf of his comrades to convey their thanks. He had only arrived in Deptford the

day before.

Miss Walker having expressed a wish to learn more about the History of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Martyn has, on behalf of the 1st Battalion, presented the School with a copy of Fyler's "History of the 50th."

CUTTINGS FROM "PUNCH."

"Patients who are N.C.O.'s will wear their chevrons if marked "up," and if confined to bed will be pinned to the wall of the marquee above their beds." That should keep them quiet. * * *

"Private——has had a series of misfortunes. He lost his hat and his money on coming home from France; he missed his train going back (and was delayed until last Tuesday) and now he has just missed losing his life."-"Wolverhampton Express and Star."

Private--is understood to be bearing up under the last misfortune

with remarkable fortitude.

knows me."

First Recruit-"What do you think of the Major, Bill?" Second Recruit—"He's a changeable kind of bloke. Last night I says to him 'who goes there?' and he says 'Friend' and to-day he hardly

> * * * * * * HORRORS OF WAR.

Corporal (before entering the trenches) "Now, look 'ere. I'm responsible for this section, and if any of yer gets it in the neck through foolishly exposin' of 'isself, I'll give him wot for.'

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

The undermentioned officer has been awarded the D.S.O .: - Captain (temporary Major) Alfred Hopewell Pullman, Reserve of Officers, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), attached 8th Battalion. For conspicuous gallantry near Hulluch on 26th September, 1915, when he commanded his company with skill during the retirement, although wounded, and collected men to cover the movement until it was completed. This was accomplished under heavy machine-gun fire from the enemy at close range.

WHERE THE BATTALIONS ARE:

1st Batt., 13th Brigade, 5th Division, B.E.F.

2nd Batt., 12th Brigade, 12th Division, I.E.F. (D.) 3rd Batt., 1st Thames and Medway Reserve Brigade, Fort Darland, Chatham.

1/4th Batt., Jubbulpore, India.

2/4th Batt., 160th Brigade, 53rd Division, M.E.F. 3/4th Batt., 202nd Brigade, 37th Division, Tonbridge.

1/5th Batt., Jhansi, India.

2/5th Batt., 202nd Brigade, 67th Division, Tonbridge. 3/5th Batt., 3rd Line Groups, Bromley.

6th Batt., 37th Brigade, 12th Division, B.E.F. 7th Batt., 55th Brigade, 18th Division, B.E.F.

8th Batt., 72nd Brigade, 24th Division, B.E.F.

9th Batt., 5th Reserve Brigade, 103rd Division, Shoreham-by-Sea. 10th Batt., 123rd Brigade, 41st Division, Maidstone. 11th Batt., 122nd Brigade, 41st Division, Catford.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DETENTION BARRACKS, CITADEL.

CAIRO, EGYPT. 29th Sept., 1915.

I am sure that a good many readers of the Gazette will be pleased to hear that our old Quartermaster, Mr. Willis, is back again in harness. He holds the rank of Captain and Quartermaster in the 21st Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. He is looking very well and his farm in Australia is in a very prosperous condition. He said he could not resist the temptation when the Government called. He only did a fortnight's training at the training Depot when he was given his present rank, and greatly assisted in training his present Battalion. He was only here in Cairo a few weeks, now he is on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

He told me that our old friend Colour-Sergeant Ailwood is also back again, in the 18th Battalion Australian Imperial Force, and wounded at

Malta.

T. CASSIDY, Staff-Sergeant,

Military Provost Staff Corps.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. IN OCTOBER.

Colour-Sergeant J. Sudivan, July, 1916; Mrs. Bullen, Oct., 1916; Mrs. E. Murphy, Dec., 1916; Mr. W. Dawson, Dec., 1916; Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. E. Murphy, Dec., 1916; Mr. W. Dawson, Dec., 1916; Mrs. Reynolds, Dec., 1916; Sergeant Bishop, Dec., 1916; Mr. Hoath, March, 1916; Mr. A. Gilby, Dec., 1915; Mrs. A. S. Buckle, Sept., 1916; Lieutenant A. T. Williams, Dec., 1916; Staff-Sergeant T. Cassidy, Dec., 1915; Sergeant-Drummer F. W. Edmonds, Dec., 1916; Canon Bingham-Stevens, Nov., 1916; Captain Hudson, May, 1916; Colour-Sergeant Hare, Oct., 1916; Mrs. Tindall, Sept., 1916; Mrs. C. Wingfield-Stratford, Dec., 1916; Mrs. P. Tarrey, Aug. 1916; Co.-Sergeant-Major Teer, Dec., 1916; Mr. A. Dennis, Sept., 1916; 9th R.W.K., Sept., 1915; Det. 3rd R.W.K., £5 on account: 11th R.W.K., £1 12s. on account. Donations: Major W. H. B. Long, £1: Colonel Doran, £1. £1; Colonel Doran, £1.

NOTES.

The following officers of the 2nd Battalion are employed as under with the Indian Expeditionary Force D in the Persian Gulf:—Major H. D. Belgrave, D.A.Q.M.G., 12th Division; Captain O. Y. Hibbert, Brigade Major, 16th Brigade; Captain J. B. B. Ford, i/c Signalling Section, 12th Brigade; 2nd Lieutenant A. H. Piggott, Adjutant, British Base Depot Basra.

Five officers and 200 other ranks from Territorial Battalions in India are attached to the 2nd Battalion. They are drawn from our 1/4th and 1/5th Battalions; also from 1/5th Buffs, and two Battalions of the Devons, 2/4th and 2/6th.

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Captain W. Newton is acting as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion.

Captain R. Lynch-White has taken up an appointment on the Headquarter Staff of 10th Army Corps.

Major E. H. Norman is at present in command of the 17th Battalion (Popular and Stepney) County of London Regiment, and has been given temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain W. F. MacNeece has been appointed a Flight Commander in the Royal Flying Corps, Military Wing.

2nd Lieutenant Farnfield, who has lately been given a first commission in this Regiment from the Royal Military College, was an Under Officer, and awarded the Sword of Honour; he is attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

Captain and Quartermaster W. J. Willis is now in Gallipoli with the 21st Australian Infantry. The Division in which he is, is commanded by Major-General J. G. Legge, C.M.G., who (then Captain Legge) was attached for six months to the 1st Battalion at Meerut in 1895.

Major J. C. Parker has been appointed to the command of the 8th Battalion vice Colonel E. Vansittart wounded and Prisoner of War.

Major J. Crouch's eldest son has been given a commission in the 10th Battalion.

Colour-Sergeant E. May, has been given a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Regiment.

Major II, D. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S O., has been given the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel from September 13th, whilst commanding 1st Battalion.

Major J. T. W. Fiennes has been appointed to the command of the 7th Battalion.

The undermentioned gentlemen cadets from the Royal Military College have been gazetted Second Lieutenants in the Regiment:—B. L. Blampied and F. G. W. Marchant.

Captain W. H. B. Long. Reserve of Officers, late Royal West Kent and Irish Guards has been appointed to the command of the 36th (Ulster) Divisional Base Depot with the temporary rank of Major. The Quartermaster of the Depot is Lieutenant G. A. Barnes, late of 3rd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant E. S. Kerr has been promoted to Lieutenant from February 23rd, 1915, with seniority next below Lieutenant W. J. Alderman.

Temporary Major F. B. Fanshawe (Captain Retired Pay) relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to be employed with the 9th Reserve Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Major C. M. Allfrey, 3rd Battalion has been appointed 2nd in command of the 20th Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

Company Sergeant Major A. P. Beer has been promoted Quartermaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant.

Tempnrary Captain H. J. Dresser (late Lieutenant R.W. Kent Regiment) from the East Surrey Regiment has been appointed Captain in one of the Regular Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment.

The following N.C.O.'s and men from the London Regiment (T. F.), unless otherwise stated, have been appointed Temporary Second Lieutenants in the Service Battalions of the Royal West Kent Regiment:—Lance-Corporal G. F. Atkinson, Corporal J. Eldridge, Lance-Corporal W. N. Ross from A. and S. Highlanders (T.F.), Private S. E. Dove, Private S. B. Smith, Private H. J. Wenyon, Private P. T. Cookrey, and Private E. G. Brown from 7th Dragoon Guards.

Captain H. A Waring, whose work as Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion has been untiring and beyond all praise, is under orders to join the Expeditionary Force. He will be succeeded in the Adjutancy by Captain A. d' E. Knox, who has been passed as fit for Home Service.

We have received the following verses by "Kentite" of the 2nd Battalion:

THE VETERAN.

I hear the bugle cating,
Calling o'er the foam,
Where "England's sons" were falling,
Fighting for "hearth and home."
These medals that I'm wearing,
How were they won? you ask,
They're won for never fearing
To do a soldier's task.
Although I'm drawing pension,
I still feel hale and fit,
I'm standing to attention,
Ready to do my bit.
If I'm too old to fight, sir,
There's other things to do,
I'll try with all my might, sir,
To pull the young blood through,
Now they're wanting ammunition,
You know they want a lot,
So grant me my ambition,
And let me make the shot.

LIMERICK VERSE.

We were doing some fighting in Persia,
Our boys said of the Arabs "why curse yer,"
While we're in the sun
We'll make you all run
And ask for your mother to "nurse yer,"

TOMMY'S LAMENT.

Grouping over cover with five good rounds of ball, Grouping over cover is the soldier's great downfall; When they signal you one wide, That's the fall of all your pride, Oh! it's rotten when you're grouping over cover.

Grouping in the open with a very small black bull, Grouping in the open where you can't afford to pull, Though you try to shoot your best, Still you see your pay go "West," It's too bad is grouping in the open

Rapid at 300 it's a make or break for you,
Kicking up a sandstorm round the butts will never do;
When you find you've got a jamb,
You're inclined to say O——
But never blame a bad score to the marker,

Then there is another practice well known as "Picey Ike," And I know for certain that's what most of them don't like, When he comes up quick and runs, "Bang!" that's missed him, lost the guns, It's a "washout" when you cannot square the markers.

NOTE.—The above can be sung to the tune of "Roaming in the Gloaming."

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We regret to announce that from the 1st January next we shall be compelled to raise our terms of subscription, which will be as follows:—

Four shillings a year, including postage. Copies will be sold to N.C.O.'s and men serving, or who have served as such, at one penny per number. If sent by post, two shillings a year.

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Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6/- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 3/- a year. Will others do the same, or rather at 4/-?

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of November:-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain C. H. Towse, 6th Battalion.

WOUNDED.

Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Venables, Commanding 6th Battalion. Captain G. Seccombe (R. of O.), late 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion Nigeria Regiment.

Lieutenant C. S. Stevenson, 7th Battalion.

SUFFERING FROM GAS POISONING.

2nd Lieutenant B. F. Friend, 6th Battalion.

MISSING.

2nd Lieutenant E. T. Bigsby, 8th Battalion.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED & MISSING NOW WOUNDED AND BRISONER OF WAR.

Lieutenant R. M. Old, 8th Battalion.

Captain C. H. Towse, who was killed on November 8th, served in the Boer War with the C.I.V., being present in the action near Johannesberg (Queen's Medal with 3 clasps). He was a most zealous, conscientious, and painstaking officer, and everything he undertook was thoroughly carried out. A fine example of devotion, his loss is deeply to be deplored.

We append two tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalion with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

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The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the Casualty Lists from Nov. 1st-to 30th, 1915:

1st BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

WOUNDED.

7424 Pte. W. H. F. Bellfield.

8832 Pte. G. Vaughan.

OWN-ROYAL

6308 Pte. J. R. Thorpe.

GAZETTE"

4305 Pte. H. Brooks. 8629 Pte. F. Butler. 8423 Pte. J. Sullivan.

7525 Pte. P. Andrews. 8767 Pte. W. J. Mills. 4981 Pte. H. J. Woodland.

MISSING.

7667 Pte. E. P. Ryan.

PRISONER OF WAR.

10066 L.-Corpl. E. Brown.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

8711 L.-Sergt. G. E. Davies.

983 Pte. P. Donovan.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DIED AS PRISONERS-NOW PRISONERS.

8371 Pte. W. Hall.

6688 Pte. W. Sipthorpe.

1st BATTALION N.C,O.'s and MEN.

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2nd BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

9150 Pte. L. Webb.

8936 Ptc. D. Freeman.

WOUNDED.

8509 Pte. W. Back. 9297 Pte. O. Johnson.

8840 Corpl. T. Bax. 8533 Pte. F. Ward.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

9686 L. Corpl. W. J. Maskell. 8662 Pte. P. Bolam.

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8955 Pte. W. Hadrill.

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Bushell. 78 Ptc. C. Colc. 5524 Ptc. T. Coulong. 146 Ptc. C. Cummings. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DIED NOW REPORTED SERVING WITH UNIT. 2621 Pte. A. Young. 2/4th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN. PRESENT LIST. Died. Killed. Wounded. Wounded and Misssing. Missing. Prisoners of War 146 Pte. C. Cummings, 81 Pte. L. Ellis. 4159 L.-Corpl. A. Hobbs, 184 Pte. D. Humble. 4580 Pte. E. Johnson. 28 Pte. G. Latter. 29 L.-Corpl. J. McFarlane. FORMER LISTS. 6 25 78 1006 Pte. T. Lenthorne 185 Corpl. P. Painter, 123 Pte. J. Price. 177 Pte. L. Robinson. 5495 Pte. A. Parsons. 192 Pte. H. Robinson. 91 8 27 4903 Pte. W. Rowe. 204 Sərgt. A. Teague. 5682 Pte. F. Williams. 466 Pte. R. Poole. 1 4171 Pte. A. Sharpe. 871 Pte. J. Ward. 27 91 5706 Ptc. J. Clarke. Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Meu, 125. 6th BATTALION. 6th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN. KILLED IN ACTION. PRESENT LIST. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War. 83 Died. 83 264 Pte. A. Lloyd. 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V. Jansen. 1980 L.-Corpl. A. V. Jansen. 3220 Pte. S. H. Marsden. 3220 Pte. S. H. Marsden. 3812 Pte. E. D. Brown. 1830 Pte. R. Catlow. 939 Pte. E. Jones, 939 Pte. A. G. Mortlock, 9307 Pte. E. B. Stevens, 514 Pte. W. Harmer, S02 Pte. T. Jordan, 14 Pte. F. McCarthy, 7014 Pte. A. Reynolds, 5473 Pte. C. Underdown, 6494 Pte. T. Martindale, 582 Corpl. J. Addington, 768 Pte. H. Ashdown, 5797 Pte. J. Bentley, 451 Pte, A. Botten, 296 Pte. G. Collins, 924 Pte. R. J. Evenden, 562 Pte. H. Flack, 5785 Pte. T. Glynn, 1440 Pte. E. Howell, 454 Sergt. J. Isom, 5717 Pte. A. Brock. 167 Pte. G. Dane. 9931 Corpl. H. Fitzgerald. 10717 Pte. A. Geddes. 202 Sergt. E. Gulliver. 7th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN. 408 Pte. N. Humphries. 445 Pte. J. Istead. PRESENT LIST. 333 Pte. H. Knight. 4090 Pte. A. Mansfield. 426 Pte. T. Meehan. 966 Pte. O. Osenton. 811 Pts. C. Paterson. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Missing. Prisoners of War Died. Killed. 4 18 FORMER LIST. 2 14 14 869 Pte. A. Perrin. 4404 Pte. T. 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5123 Pte. W. Bunce.	2701 LCorpl. W. Payne.
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2554 Pte. C. Cook.	5467 Pte. J. Simpson.
6260 Pte. A. Duckett.	5471 Pte. R. Sutton.
2882 Pte. F. Gray.	6266 Pte. S. Taylor.
773 Corpl. W. Haines.	5306 Corpl. W. Amos.
5307 Pte. S. J. Haylor.	2757 Pte. C. A. Blundell. 3080 Pte. A. Bonner.
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2635 Pte. W. Rix.	G/5128 L.Corpl. H. C. Jewiss
1065 Sergt. W. E. South.	4334 Pte. A. W. A. Milner.
2853 Pte. F. Tarnsitt.	10749 Ptc. W. Nuttall.
5780 Pte. W. Yews.	3441 LCorpl. T. Rogers.
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8852 Pte. C. Burman.	6227 Pte. J. Jordan.
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4212 Pte. R. H. Fidler.	2640 Corpl. A. J. Purfield.
2257 Pte. A. Fitzhugh. 3145 Pte. J. M. Gillis.	2719 Corpl. T. Roach.
4322 Pte. W. Harmsworth.	6326 Pte. T. Hockham.
5454 Pte. A. C. Parfitt.	cos Pte. R. A. Hopson.
3447 Pte. B. Evans.	2647 Pte. G. H. Martin.
1060 Pte. A. Probert.	4271 Pte. A. F. Nichols.
2897 Pte. T. Briggs.	3168 Pte. H. Prentice.
2600 LceSergt. F. R. Brown.	1736 Sergt. A. E. Scrase.
2718 CoSergt.Maj. G. A. Camplin.	3194 Pte. J. L. Stone.
2695 Sergt. A. G. Clark.	5463 Pte. W. Wycherley. 190 LCorpl. W. Humphreys.
6201 Pte. D. Cottam.	
6440 Pte. A. Foster.	1080 Pte. J. Rawlings.
10740 Pte. E. Griffin.	6577 Pte. H. Bradley.
5383 Pte A. J. Hankins. 3702 Sergt. W. F. Kite.	5364 Pte. A. T. Hedgeock.
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5295 Pte. J. A. Lee.	4721 Pte. W. Adams.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

5552 Corpl. F. Brewster.

2753 Pte. C. W. Burton.

MISSING.

2510 Pte. A. Blaiklock.	5371 Pte. W. Scriven.
5461 Pte. G. Richards.	3658 LCorpl. T. Abraham.
5320 Pte. C. Admett.	8688 LCorpl. W. Avery
3054 Pte. G. Atkinson.	5294 Pte. A. Baldwin.
2641 Pte. H. Baines	1879 Pte. L. Bloomfield.
5852 Pte. C. Bevan.	2778 Corpl. W. Bowen.
1448 Pte. A. Blundell.	1344 Pte C. Boyce.
5297 Pte. F. Bowles.	5442 Pte. F. Brett.
5424 Pte. F. Breakspeare.	3661 Pte. W. Brown.
5387 Pte. G. Brown.	2867 Pte. F. Burton.
4409 Pte. A. Burgess.	1890 LCorpl. W. Casey.
2461 Pte. H. Cadge.	4125 LCorpl. A. Claver.
2423 Pte. C. Clarov.	G/3727 LCorpl. N. Cooper.
2478 Pte H. Clements	G/3747 Pte. J. Curtis.
4408 Pte. J. Cunliffe.	2586 Pte. J. Dunn.
669 LSergt. C. Damary.	722 Pte. G Everett.
G/3138 Pte. R. Durant.	2487 Pte. E. Fountain.
2772 LCorpl. W. Facey.	2793 Pte. W. Gallop.
1360 Pte. M. Frost.	2490 Pte. B. Gould.
2608 Pte. G. Gav.	2622 Pte. J. Grant.
3681 LCorpl. R. Goulding.	704 Sergt. J. Harding.
5466 Pte. W. Hall.	3467 Pte. C. Hicks.
2837 Pte. E. Harris.	3446 Pte. J. Hope.
2604 Pte. T. Hook.	2585 Pte. J. Hunt.
3760 Pte. R. Hopkins.	4204 Pte. W. Johnson.
2774 LCorpl. J. Iremonger.	1439 Pte. E. Kirk.
3177 Pte. C. King.	2902 Pte. C. Longman.
5351 Pte. R. Longhurst.	1337 Pte. H. Luff.
1915 LCorpl. F. Lovell.	1354 L.Corpl. W. Lusted.
5512 Pte. J. Lusted.	3785 Pte. R. Morgan.
2610 Corpl. A. Marsh.	5354 Pte. R. Murking
2559 Pte. R. Moulton.	5472 Pte. F Nowell.
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5286 Pte. R. Percival.	3131 Pte. G. Ellis.
5436 Pte. W. Pratt.	5373 Pte. G. Fox.
2533 L. Corpl. F. Pullen.	2107 Pte. A. Gill.
517 L. Corpl. W. Rhind.	4113 Pte. R. Green.
5303 Pte. G. Roberts.	707 Pte. C. Grigg.
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2465 Ptc. H. White.	2758 Pte. J. Mason.
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2769 LCorrl. A. Abbott	5369 Pte. B. Miles.
3349 LCorpl. G. Arnold.	2591 Pte. C. Nokes.
5433 Pto R. Aveling	3083 Pte. E. Patmore.
4399 Pte W Banfield.	3301 Pte. A. Perrin.
2569 Pte F Bassett	5374 Pte. L. Poole.
2657 Pto W Bell	5064 Pte. F. Porter.
1989 Pto H Bicknall	3454 Pte. C. Purcell.
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S/575 Sergt. T. Purves.	3729 Fte. F. Ingott.
3767 LSergt. H. Roach	2754 Fte. V. Kenward.
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N.B.—Some of those shown as Missing are unofficially known to be Prisoners of War, most of them being Wounded. See statements in other columns of this issue.

8th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 559.

N.B.--"Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the fourteenth list of donations receive	ed 1	in	to
November 30th, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's app 1915.	eal:-	-	
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November 1st-Mrs Percy Buckle		2	11
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November 2nd—The Members of Holy Trinity Cheir Foot	5	0	0
and the Members of Holy Trinity Choir, East	-	10	
November 3rd—Sir Robert E. Bredon, K.C.M.G. (3rd donation)		15	
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The state and Employees Maidstone Electricity	-		
November 6th—Mrs. Newton (4th donation)	1		0
November 10th—Officers 9th Battalion		0	0
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Mrs. E. M. Martyn (2nd donation)		2	0
Major Bonham Carter	2	10	0
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Mrs. Maunsell (3rd donation)		0	0
November 15th—Officers 3rd Battalion (5th donation)	6	7	6
November 18th—Officers 3rd Battalion (6th donation)		10	0
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Miss Elsie Whitty	2	0	0
Miss Eleanor Whitty	1	0	0
Sir Henry C. Hawley, Bart.	5 5 5	0	0
November 22nd Captain G. Wingfield-Stratford	5	0	0
November 22nd—Captain E. L. Heygate (3rd donation)	5	0	0
November 26th—LieutCol. H. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O.	5	0	0
Mrs. E. J. Robinson	5	0	0
November 27th—Q.M.S. G. E. Baker (2nd donation)	1	0	0
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GIFTS IN KIND.

Have been received from the following:-

Miss Hyland,

Mrs. A. Seligman,

Miss E. M. Barrow,

Maidstone and District Central Fund.

Mrs. Ryall

Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford,

Miss Finck,

Mrs. Copeland,

Mrs. O. B. Simpson

Mrs. Bingham Stevens,

Miss Carrington,

Mr. F. Thomas,

Mrs. Watkins,

Mrs. E. Satherthwaite,

Mrs. Nunn,

Mrs. Hibbert.

Miss Hitchins.

Mrs. Johnston,

Miss Mann,

Mrs. Buckle, of Waltham Abbey,

Mrs. Arthur Knox,

East Kent Wesleyan Band of Hope and Mrs. Helen Rowsall (per "Kent Messenger").

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalion at the Front as specified:-

1st BATTALION.—November 17th—504 pairs of bootlaces. Received. November 25th.—116 pairs socks, 204 pairs socks, 201bs.

curry powder. Received.

November 22nd—100 vests, 700 cakes of assorted soap, 36 mouth organs, 36 cholera belts, one dozen mufflers. 7th BATTALION.—November 25th—Eleven parcels containing socks, flannel shirts, mufflers, etc., sent by Mrs. Ryall. 500 candles,

500 soup tablets. The 7th Battalion have now acknow-ledged receipt of all the goods sent last September. 6th BATTALION.—November 15th—1,000 candles. The 6th Battalion have acknowledged receipt of all goods previously notified

as having been sent to them. 8th BATTALION.—November 4th—From Miss Barrow: Two cases containing 24 tins of Oxo, 24 tins milk, 12 tins cocoa and milk, 12 tins coffee and milk, 12 tins sardines, 12 tins bull's eyes, 6 tins ginger nuts, soap, candles, tobacco and cigarettes, 500 cakes of soap, 372 pairs of socks,

576 pairs of bootlaces, 500 candles. 2/4 BATTALION.—November 8th—199 shirts, 72 vests, 68 pairs pants, 504 pairs of socks. The 2/4th acknowledge receipt 158 shirts sent off on the 7th September.

Owing to the generosity of our many friends who were unwilling that the cost should fall on Sir E. Leach's Fund, every man in the four Battalions in France will receive on Christmas Day 11b. of plum pudding, lb. of ham, and 15 cigarettes. On medical grounds it was not considered advisable to send plum puddings to the 2nd Battalion and 2/4th Battalion, but 41b. of chocolate per man had been despatched instead, in addition to ham and cigarettes. Every parcel has a card inside it, wishing the men "Good Luck and a Speedy Return Home to Their Friends."

The Prisoners of War are also receiving plum pudding and many other gifts from the many ladies and gentlemen who are looking after them, and the especial gratitude and thanks of the whole Regiment are due to J. L. Spoor, Esq., who has done, and is doing, such invaluable work for our Prisoners of War.

Our thanks are also due to Lord Harris for all he is doing for us, proof of which is seen in the very handsome cheque he has forwarded to the Comforts Fund for £472 10s.

MILITARY CROSS.

The undermentioned officer has been awarded the Military Cross:-

TEMP. LIEUT. WILLIAM KINGSLEY TILLIE, 8th R.W. Kent Regiment.-For conspicuous gallantry and ability near Hulluch on September 26th, 1915. He handled his machine guns with great skill, and continued to serve a gun single-handed after all the team had become casualties, until his ammunition was exhausted. He brought this gun back himself. Finally, when all the other officers of his Battalion had become casualties, he showed great courage and resource and brought the Battalion out of action in good order.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

The following N.C.O.'s have been awarded the D.C.M .:-

2200 LANCE-CORPL. A. SEALE, 12th Division Cyclist Company, Army Cyclist Corps, formerly of our 6th Battalion.

6/884 SERGT. A. A. ATKINS, Canterbury Battalion, N.Z. Forces, our Affiliated Battalion.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

We have received the following letter from No. 766 Sergeant F. Bailey, Prisoner of War, 8th R.W. Kent Regiment, Turnhalle Bed No. 2011, Festungs Lazarette VI., Abt. Kaiserin Augustus Schule, Coln, Deutschland: To the Editor of "Queen's Own Gazette."

Dear Sir,-A line to let you know how some of the boys of the Regiment, who are Prisoners of War and in hospital wounded here, are getting on all together. There were seven of us here; one has since died. His name is Sutton, belonging to "A" Company of the 8th Battalion. We also have one officer, Captain Hutchison, of "C" Company of the 8th. We were all wounded the same day. The names of all are myself, Pte. Nichalls, Pte. Gregory, Pte. Hopson (all "B" Company), Pte. Savage ("A" Company), Pte. Taylor ("B" Company), Pte. Cook ("C" Company), Pte. Gallop ("B" Company). The majority were lucky enough to be picked up the same day except Pte. Savage, Pte. Gallop and myself. We were not nicked up till a week later and Learning the feet were likely as the same day. not picked up till a week later, and I can speak for myself. I had a terrible time lying out on the battlefield for a week with no possible chance of getting back to our own lines. I tried a dozen times, but with the same result. Ping and zip, and very close at that, which meant halt and cover up. Then the shrapnel cleared the front as I lay in the enemy lines. This was worse, for there were three of us, all sergeants, Demmery and Brown, both belonging to "A" Company, for both poor fellows went under from this fire. Being left on my own I crawled with one broken leg and another wound in the shoulder as far as I was able to at a time, for my triands seamed to take great was not to be a sight of as a Line. for my friends seemed to take great care not to lose sight of me. I had great hopes once or twice, but I was doomed, and taking things through I count myself a very lucky man to be alive. Ptc. Savage and Ptc. Gallop lay in another direction, and both say they went through the same as I did. Now, sir, I think my football days are properly finished, what few I had left, as you will recollect me being the centre-forward for the 8th Battalion, and a personal friend of Sergt.-Major McGregor, of the old days, to whom and all the other old friends I wish to be remembered through the "Queen's Own Gazette." There is nothing to write about here, only that, except for Sutton and another named Bell, whom I have just found out and who is in a very serious condition, the remainder are getting on very well. Tobacco and cigarettes are scarce, not having got anything through from home. Hoping this may be of some interest to some of your readers, I will close with kind regards to you and your paper .-- I remain, yours,

SERGEANT F. BAILEY.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men of the 8th Battalion are Prisoners of War at Munster, Westphalia, Germany, the majority being wounded:—

1376 Sergt, A. E. Scrase.	5404 Pte. E. Eldridge.
3702 Sergt, W. Kite.	3044 Pte. T. Shillito.
3463 Sergt. A. Burke.	732 Pte. B. Stokes.
2701 LCorpl. W. Payne.	2569 Fte. F. Bassett.
3770 Fte. G. Hill.	3454 Pte. F. C. Purcell.
2487 Pte. E. Fountain.	3154 Pte. R. Weddoll.
4409 Pte. A. Burgess.	3446 Pte. J. Hope.
3467 Pte. C. W. Hicks.	2669 Pte, A. Martin.
5397 Pte. R. Owen.	4242 Pte. A. J. Martin.
2606 Pte. E. Swan.	5384 Pte. J. Wilson.
3188 Pte. E. Hills.	3711 Pte. J. Webb.
2400 Pto B Gould	

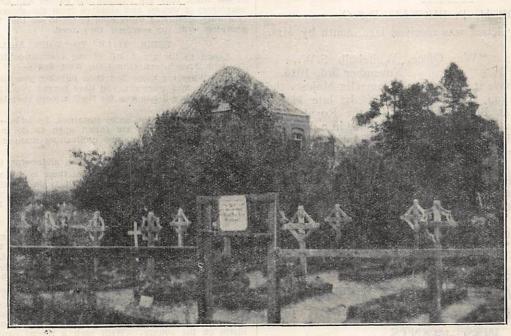
No. 2784 Pte. T. Coleson is at Wesel and No. 2769 Pte. A. Abbott is at Friedrichsfeld.

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Mr. A. E. Palmer, September, 1916; Captain F. W. Bellfield, October, 1916; Major Beeching, December, 1917; Detachment 3rd R.W.K., October, 1915; Colonel A. W. Prior, September, 1916; Mrs. Fisher, December, 1916; Miss Leckie, December, 1916; 11th R.W.K., October, 1915; Major H. R. Worthington, November, 1916; Mr. R. Ringland, September, 1916; Mr. W. D. Cooper, September, 1916; Miss Whitty, October, 1916; Mr. J. McIntosh, December, 1916; Mrs. J. Hunter, December, 1916; Miss Elsie Smith, October, 1916; 10th R.W.K., October, 1915; Mrs. Yates, December, 1916; Mrs. J. J. Barrow, October, 1916; and the following 22 Officers 2/5th R.W.K.: Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Willis, Major A. V. Cowell, Captain H. J. Cobb, Captain and Adjutant H. W. Barnard, Lieut. Payne, Lieut. Gedge, Lieut. Lazenby, Lieut. Hay, Lieut. Biggs, 2nd Lieuts. Whitson, Sparks, Gluckstein, Lownisky, Byng, Stephens, Hartmann, Evans, Chattell, Kelsey, Godfray, Chalkley and Fawkner, to December, 1916.

OUR HONOURED DEAD.



1st Batt. Cemetery at Voormazeele, Belgium.

We are enabled, through the courtesy of the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion to reproduce a photograph of a small Cemetery at Voormezeele, Belgium, where 24 of our brave comrades, whose names we give, are buried. It would be difficult to find a prettier spot, and great credit is due to the Stretcher Bearers and Pioneers for their labour of love.

The inscription on the gate is as follows:—"This Cemetery is the private property of the 1st Battalion 'The Queen's Own' (Royal West Kent Regiment)."

One photograph can be supplied to the next of kin of each man, on application being made to the Editor, "The Queen's Own Gazette," Barracks, Maidstone.

COLONEL A. T. F. SIMPSON, V.D.

Colonel Simpson, Commanding 2/4th Battalion, having recovered from his wounds, has been passed fit for General Service, and has sailed to rejoin his Battalion in Gallipoli.

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. F. VENABLES.

Lieut.-Colonel Venables, Commanding 6th Battalion, who has been slightly wounded in the foot is at home, and progressing well towards recovery.

NAMES OF N.C.O.'S AND MEN.

8698 Sergt. Golding.	7396 Cerpl. Birch.
7723 Corpl. Crew.	8627 Corpl. Seaman.
1073 LCorpl. Reilly.	5686 Ccrpl. Simmons
4813 LCorpl. Chaplin.	4743 LCorpl. Miles.
5014 Pte. Hyde.	4948 Pte. Hider.
7168 Pte. Parratt.	4606 Pte. Greagsby.
19243 Pte. Haggar.	4863 Pte. Spillett.
5064 Pte. Simmonds.	4862 Pte. Tucker.
39 Pte. Kelly.	10128 Pte. Batterham.
8476 Pte. Bramble.	5159 Pte. Laurel.
6852 Pte. Nicholson.	5658 Tte. May.
4473 Pte. Bush.	8164 Pte. Harmer.
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REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Band of the 2nd Battalion, assisted by a number of artistes, gave a concert at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone, on October 13th, in aid of the above Fund, when the sum of £25 was realised, after all disbursements were met. Thanks are due to all who gave their valuable assistance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel C. N. Watney, T.D., Commanding 1/4th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Commanding 2/4th Battalion.

Our thanks are due to Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Willis and the whole of the officers of the 2/5th Battalion for subscribing to this paper for the year 1916.

The Editor will be grateful if all officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions will notify him where they are stationed and how they are employed, to enable him to compile a roll similar to the one given in the issues of January and July, Information as to the whereabouts of other officers will also be welcomed.

MAJOR! M. P. BUCKLE, D.S.O.

The following letter was received last month by Mrs. M. P. Buckle:-

"War Office, Whitehall, S.W., "November 3rd, 1915.

"MADAM, -I have it in command from His Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin of the late MAJOR MATTHEW PERCEVAL BUCKLE, D.S.O., of the Royal West Kent Regiment, that this officer was mentioned in a despatch from Field Marshal Sir John French, dated the 14th January, 1915, for gallant and distinguished service in the

"His Majesty desires to condole with you on the loss you have sustained, and to express his high appreciation of the services of the late Major Matthew Perceval Buckle, D.S.O.

"I have the honour to be, your obedient servant, "TECK, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL,
"Assistant Military Secretary."

"KENT MESSENGER" CHRISTMAS SHILLING FUND FOR COMFORTS FOR THE WEST KENTS.

We append copy of the appeal made by the "Kent Messenger'' on behalf of our Comforts Fund, for which the Regiment tenders its heartfelt thanks; and we are glad to take this opportunity of placing on record our high appreciation of the great interest which has always been shown

by our contemporary towards the Regiment.

As most of our readers are aware, the "Queen's Own Gazette" is printed and published by the "Kent Messenger," and the assistance and courtesy extended to the Editor by the Proprietor and the Manager have been constant and unfailing.

"How can I help in this ghastly war?" That is what every man worthy of the name is asking. Here is one way: Now that winter is approaching every man in West Kent who can spare a shilling can help in supplying our own gallant West Kent Regiment, which has fought so valiantly and gained such high honours, with a few of the many comforts we at home are enjoying every day, and of which our county regiment stands in such need at the Front.

Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Queen's Own Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, R.C.B., Colonel of the Queen's Gwin Royal West Kent Regiment, has already asked for subscriptions towards this imperatively necessitous object. A number of the generous hearted public have responded, but it is felt that an opportuinty should be afforded to the thousands who cannot contribute large sums to show their appreciation of the work of our own West Kents by forwarding one or more shillings. The great thing is that every man, without exception, should do something. To this end the "Kent Messenger" is to-day opening a "Shilling Fund," and we earnestly ask our readers to make the fund one worthy of Kentish men and women, who are naturally proud of the noble deeds accomplished by our county regiment.

6,000 MEN.

Last year some £800 was expended in despatching comforts to the regiment, but then only the First Battalion was with the British Expeditionary Force. Now there are four Battalions at the Western Front, one at the Dardanelles, one in Mesapotamia, and some 300 men elsewhere. Thus, the immediate needs of upwards of 6,000 men have to be considered.

Surely there is no man or woman—to say nothing of the boys or girls—in the county who has not been thrilled with admiration at the steadfast valour and the noble exploits of the grand old West Kent Regiment. It was one of the first regiments to cross the Channel when the war broke out, and it has been in the thick of the fighting ever since. True to its motto, "Where Duty and Glory Leads," our brave soldiers followed the grim path of duty and achieved glory. They did it modestly, quietly, naturally, Suddenly a General groke and the whole world. quietly, naturally. Suddenly a General spoke, and the whole world was moved by the noble deeds of the West Kents.

Shall we, then, of the county whose name these brave men bear, allow them to endure the severities of winter and to lack the little comforts of life while they are fighting our battles and keeping the tyrants and murderers of women and children from the shores of old England? It is a duty, devolving upon each of us, to see that the gallant fellows are provided with the comforts they need.

THEIR TITLE TO YOUR SHILLINGS.

Listen to the apt words of the Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Sir John French, concerning the West Kents:-

"Wherever there has been fighting you have been in the thick of it, and wherever you have fought you have fought splendidly. No regiment has won for itself a more enviable reputation than you

After deploring the losses sustained, he adds:-

"Whatever you are called upon to do in the future you will accomplish in the same unflinching manner as you have done in the past.'

General Sir Horace Smith-Dorien, addressing the men, said:-

"I am perfectly certain that there is not another Battalion that has made such a name for itself as the Royal West Kent Regiment. Everybody is talking about you. They say, 'Give them a job; they will do it. They never leave the trenches. It is perfectly certain they will stick to it."

A Staff Officer remarked:

"The Royal West Kent is one of the very best regiments—out here in this Army Corps any way. This is true. I hear it on all sides, and the men tell me 'We are all right, sir. We would do it on our own without officers if we had to.' They are a glorious lot, and wonderful when they come through wounded."

CASUALTIES: 100 OFFICERS; 2,000 MEN!

Mons, Neuve Chapelle, Ypres, Hill 60, and Nesiergh are only a few memorable names which recall the way in which the Queen's Own covered itself with glory, added richly to its roll of honour and reflected lustre on the county. With such a record casualties were obviously numerous. Over a hundred gallant officers figure in the list, nearly half of whom laid down their lives in the cause of right and liberty. Among the non-commissioned officers and men upwards of 2,000 casualties are reported, including 520 killed and died, and 176 of the 1st Battalion prisoners of war. It is a remarkable fact, speaking volumes, that scarcely one single man was taken prisoner except those who had been wounded.

What of the honours list? Only two of the Brigade of Guards have been awarded more decorations during the war than the West Kent Regiment, and in these cases the numbers were only four and six for the Scots and Grenadiers respectively. Six of our officers have been twice mentioned in despatches; and 34 officers, N.C.O.'s and men on one occasion. Promotion, richly deserved, has fallen to several officers, while one has been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, five have received the Distinguished Service Order, five have been given the Military Cross, nineteen N.C.O.'s and men have gained the Distinguished Conduct Medal, two have secured the Medaille Militaire, and three have received the Medal of St. George from the Czar.

And it is for the men of this fine regiment, of which every man and woman of Kent is proud, that we ask for contributions of shillings, in order that they may be provided with such comforts as warm underclothing principally, together with socks, handkerchiefs, towels, mufflers, gloves, helmets, tobacco, cigarettes, matches, sweets, writing materials, plum puddings, etc.

Over 2,400 shillings had been received when we went to press.

All contributions for the "Comfort Fund" should be addressed to :-"COMFORTS,"

c/o "KENT MESSENGER,"

MAIDSTONE.



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Lieut.-Colonel C. N. Watney, T.D., Commanding 1/4th Battalion.

:: News from the Battalions. ::

6th BATTALION.

Subjoined is a report of the operations of the 6th R.W. Kent Regiment on October 8th. It describes the attempt to capture a Gun Trench—a portion of the front line of trenches held by the Germans. The Battalion had one Company on the left of the part held by the Germans, and one Company on the right. Previous attempts by other units to capture this had failed; in one case the trench was taken, but was given up owing to the fact that the Germans held gun pits immediately in front, and from these bombed the position, and so made it untenable.

It was on this day that the Germans made their general counter-attack, and certainly would have attacked us if these operations hadn't been carried out. The account of this general German attack is described in Sir John French's despatch.

A personal note to one of the officers of the Battalion from one of the Divisional Staff stated that "the Germans could scarcely have thought such a thing possible after such a bombardment. He adds that "at Divisional Head-quarters we all have a very high opinion of a Battalion which can play up in the way you did after the shelling you had had."

A special order of the day was issued by the Divisional Commander.

"The following message from the Corps Commander is published for information:—

"The Army Commander wishes me to convey to the 12th Division his appreciation of the attempt made by the Division, especially by the 6th R.W. Kent and the 7th E. Surrey Regiments, to carry the Gun Trench yesterday evening. He considers that they showed fine military qualities in undertaking an attack after sustaining such a bombardment throughout the day."

"(Signed) E. HAKING, Lieut.-General."

Copy of report on operations on October 8th:-

"At 12.30 p.m. the enemy bombarded the whole of our front with guns of all calibres. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. the bombardment became intense. They used some lachrymatory shells. This enemy bombardment interfered with arrangements which had been made with regard to our attack on enemy Gun Trench, for as late as 5.10 p.m. it was unknown to us whether our artillery fire had been retaliatory to enemy's shelling or had been proceeding according to programme, i.e., concentration of 6in. and 8in. howitzers on this trench and the German trench going E. from it with a barrage of fire. Our shelling of the German trench was to be the basis of operations.

"Moreover, we were out of touch with the other Companies, as all lines had been broken, and insufficient time was left for the proper disposition of our bombers.

"The following order was issued, and reached the last Company at 6.8 p.m.:— The attack was to be carried out according to arrangements made."

"At 6.16 p.m. two platoons of our right Company, under Captain Margetts, with 2nd Lieut. Yates, advanced from our right Company trench to form the screen. At the same

time a bombing attack was led by 2nd Lieut. M. H. Carré on the German trench.

"The working party from 'B' Company, under Lieut. Matthews, which was to consolidate the German trench after the bombing was completed and the trench was evacuated, was extended along the trench in right rear of Gun trench and the communication trench to the German trench, and was fully occupied supplying bombs and ammunition to the bombing parties.

"But it was found that little real damage had been done to the trench by our artillery fire, and that there was strong opposition from bombs and machine guns. Captain Margetts was badly wounded about two yards in front of his parapet, Lieut. A. G. Heath and 2nd Lieut. Yates were killed, and the majority of the two leading platoons were knocked over. Meanwhile the bombers, under 2nd Lieut. Carre and 2nd Lieut. Friend, with a few men, got a footing in the German trench and reached the gun pits in front, but owing to much bombing and superior fire from some machine guns, one of which was high up in our direct front, had to retire.

"It was reported that Germans were collecting in the communication trench. Our artillery were informed of this, and their fire directed from our front trench.

"Our Company on the left of the German trench held its line.

"At 9.45 p.m. Companies took up their lines as they held them prior to the attack.

"At 10.30 p.m. the line became normal. Throughout the night the enemy trenches were shelled.

"There were two main causes of failure to take the trench:—

"(a) Full dispositions were not complete owing to the intense bombardment by enemy of our front from

"(b) There was insufficient concentration of artillery fire on the trench. This allowed them to hold their line strongly and to hold up our advancing platoons."

1st BATTALION.

From No. 1 Correspondent:-

I hear from a reliable source that our correspondents are few, and that you are always after news? Well, so are we, but it is very meagrely dealt out, so you are really better informed at home than we are, because we only see actually what is happening in our little corner of the line, and this works us up sometimes to a high pitch of fever, which is merely temporary, and subsides usually a short time afterwards.

The cause of the fever is "Sausage." It has a high temperature and makes an awful "row," which nobody who hasn't experienced the sensation can imagine. He doesn't do much damage, but he is very annoying and upsetting to one's nerves, and it is necessary at times to bring an expert to "hold it down," but our expert doesn't seem to place him at all well, as "Sausage" turns up at other places, and although the expert declares that he has cornered the germ and slain him, I have my doubts.

Other causes of slight fever are of a different pattern; these come over the parapet quickly, but do not make such a din as "Sausage," but they are very disturbing to one's equilibrium, especially when you are new and someone with a rasping voice shouts in your ear "Look out."

Now, as to trenches. Well, everyone knows what trenches are like; nice and deep, some better than others, but nobody knows anything about making trenches, revetting or digging, making "sup-holes," laying out wire, except those functionaries known as "Sappers."

Now these Sappers are the Sappers. Ask the Company Sergeant-Major to have something done, he will undoubtedly shout out for the Sappers; they are the indispensable, and if you go up day or night, you will always find Mr. Sapper indulging in "exercise."

Then we also have our "Snipers. They know all about the game, and are liable to hit a "germ" in the head, when they see them?

There is also the "Mighty Six," who also travel the "streets." You can always see them coming. At one time they had a very bad reputation and got chivvied about from one street to another, until something happened, and then it was send for the "Mighty Six." And they are mighty, too; they guarantee to always have two shots in the air at the same time, and always do a good deal of damage to our friends over the other side of the wire.

Then we also have some gay birds called "Flappers." They are in a couple of groups, called Operators and Linesmen. The operators adjoin to a dug-out, where they coil in a corner; the linesmen are always dodging the actions of the enemy's artillery, take all the binding wire for holders, and block up the communication trenches when you're taking up a dixey of tea to the firing line, and also speak in a buzzing tone when you ask them to make way.

We also have people who go by the name of "Runners." There are various classes of runners, C.O. Runners, Captain Runners, and other runners. The C.O.'s Runners can take you anywhere this side of the water, and once they spot a communication trench they will have you up to the firing line before you can say "Jack Robinson." You may get an order to go to —— Avenue. Up jumps a runner, "Yes, sir.—— Street adoining —— Street. First turning to —— Street and you have —— Avenue on your right."

But a morning with them is better than reading the "Daily Mail."

The Pioneers, who also include the armourer artificers, are also a highly important unit.

They make all sorts of articles; some nice to contemplate, others not so, and the artificers will clean your rifle for you as you wait, and help materially to save the taxpayer's pocket.

I have left the most important people to the last, because they have to rough it more than anyone, they are the men who watch by day and night, who are never without their rifle equipment, from the day we go "in" to the day we come "out," who are continually on the alert, ready to receive the stranger over the way, to give the necessary alarm, and upon whose vigilance the safety of our British and French line depends; it may be in the listening post or behind the parapet, but it should be the duty of the Poet Laureate to write a national poem on this subject alone: "On Sentry in the Firing Line."

From No. 2 Correspondent:-

Those of the 1st who have "stuck it" since the beginning of the campaign are agreed that the Battalion has never been so comfortably situated as they are now. The air is keen and bracing, and the Clerk of the Weather, whatever he may be getting ready to issue from store during the coming months, has not so far given us much ground for complaint. Whether salubrity or sanitation is chiefly responsible, the fact remains that sickness of any kind is rare, and the Battalion is in fine fettle.

It has been our good fortune to continue to hold the same section of the line which we originally took up when we first came into the district. We congratulate ourselves because, being human after all, it is more pleasant to enjoy the results of one's own activities in improving the trenches and dug-outs than to dwell upon the thought of how comfortable one has left them for some other "mob." Decidedly, if there are any "Weary Willies" in France when the war is ended, they will not lack for many a little underground palace to sleep in if they follow the trench line from Switzerland to the sea.

The Battalion is pleased enough when the time comes round for their "rest" in billets. They come back from the trenches with mouth organs and choruses in full blast. Certain duties-have to be carried out during the few days the Battalion is "back behind," and "rest" is only a comparative term. The two important features of each "rest" from the men's point of view are pay day and bath day. We have opportunities now of spending our 5-franc bills to better advantage than existed when we first arrived. The most welcome change is that English beer has displaced the native wine in the estaminets. It costs one franc a canteenful. The French shops are well patronised, but in the Divisional Dry Canteen recently opened many home articles can be bought at a price that appeals 10 us as being more within reason, and, above all, they occasionally get in stocks of English cigarettes, which are retailed at the same prices, or even less, than one would have to pay at home. Eggs are scarce and cost 2|d. each, if above suspicion. Anyone who wishes to send home a "souvenir" has a very limited choice if silk woven cards, with the flags of the Allies intertwined or some such design, do not take his fancy. He, however, can have his photograph taken at a minimum charge of six francs for a dozen.

Trivial details, perhaps, but we are as matter-of-fact as we are confident, and the "little things" which immediately affect us count no less because we are at war "somewhere in France" than if we were living in peace at home.

The football season has started. We have scratched from the Divi-

sional League owing to the difficulty of getting together a team that would do justice to the latent talent in the Battalion, but in our own Inter-Company League several matches have already been played. The popular sport, however, both in and out of the trenches is ratting. On one occasion the "bag" totalled 482, but in spite of the continual "strafing" the rats are subjected to, their reserves seem limitless. There is another kind of "live-stock" of whose existence all of us have been painfully aware at some time or other. Thanks to the admirable arrangements carried out by the Divisional Baths and Wash-house Section, this evil (which the writer will delicately refer to as "Itchy-koo") has been reduced to a minimum. Each man after he has had his hot bath is given clean garments, and leaves in exchange his soiled underclothing, which is thoroughly washed and exchanged again later on.

While one has money to spend, life "back behind" is not without its enjoyment, but with empty pockets the boys are nothing loth to get back to their trenches and dug-outs. Perhaps, that explains why they march back in the same good spirits as they marched in. The writer, being one of the lucky ones who has a "cushy" job on Headquarters staff, leaves a description of the Battalion's life in the trenches to one who is better acquainted with the firing line. There seems no reason, however, to doubt the generally expressed belief of those who went through last winter, that the troops will find the conditions immeasurably better than what they then had to endure.

"Here we are! Here we are!! Here we are again!!! Whizz-bang!!"

This is not my entree, but the curtain-raiser at the "Whizz-bangs," the versatile group of cosmop's who, as "Divisional Entertainers," keep their audience (including the men at the windows) screaming from 5.30 till 8 p.m. each evening (except Sundays), with frequent diversions, such as "No. 12 Platoon of the Dorsets are wanted at Headquartersi" or "Will Riflemen Brown, Janes and Robinson retire, they are required by Platoon Sergeant!"

The Whizz-bangs are only a small company, but what they lack in numbers they make up with genius, and to see them in "A Sister to Assist Her," "Harry Tate and a Motor Car," "Patent Medicines," "By the Seaside," or "Moon-Song" from "Our Miss Gibbs," one can easily, with a stretch of imagination, and a respirator, "kid" himself that it is the "Palladium" and not No. 9, Rue De (erased by censor). Mr. Forsyth, Q.V.R., is to be congratulated on the really brilliant show.

The Regiment have been back in billets for a few days, and advantage was taken of this to play off a few matches in the Regimental Football Shield. Four matches have been played, with results as follows. "B" Company, in a heavy fall of rain, turned out to battle with D," who have rather a strong team, and at half-time, being losers to the extent of 6—0, gracefully retired. "D" 6, "B" nil.

The following day the contestant companies were "A" and "D," the latter by reason of their practical walk-over of the previous day, being looked upon as "dead homers." After a very strenuous game, with one casualty in "A" and a good goalkeeper in "D," the match ended in a draw. "A" 2, "D" 2. (Wait till next time, "D").

The next match, which started so bravely, was between "B" and "C," and ended by "C" Company winning by 13 goals to love. (Buck up, "B," you can put a better team out than the one you did).

The last match for this "stay at the base" was between "A" and "C," and although "A" notched the first goal, they had the wind, and after "change over," "C" rapidly asserted their authority, and ran out (some limping) winners by 4 goals to 1.

"A" Company's team had improved since their last match, although the centre-forward was "hors-de-combat."

Thus ends the first clash of arms, and the favourites for the shield and medals are "C," but having overheard dark mutterings in the precincts of "A" Company's billets, I should advise "C" not to neglect their training.

An old Sports' favourite has recently joined us from England, Captain Whitty, and we should not faint with surprise if we saw a full-strength hockey team take the field in the future.

Our congratulations to the 2nd Battalion for their brilliant exploit in the Land of the Palm.

HYRECLY.

LATER:

It is nearly time we made the Editor of the "Queen's Own Gazette" come out here and get his own copy, but we all feel sure that if that was possible he would have joined us long ago, anyway we don't like letting him down, although we all try to avoid him as much as possible.

But then news is scarce and it is necessary to write something about nothing in particular.

The Machine Gunners have a grouse as they were not mentioned in my last tirade, but neither were the beastly Bombers, Snipers, Scouts, Pioneers, Cooks, Officers' Servants, etc., etc., which go to make up "us," so I had better mention them and also include "Some Transport."

The Machine Gunners have guns, and they use 'em, not as ornaments, but to rat-tat-tat along "Fritz's" parapet and the way the dear

old fellow is likely to come. It must be unpleasant for him just as he gets his wire on top and strolls out on a nice foggy morning, hammers in a stake with a little too much noise, and then the noisy beggar opens on him. Or can you imagine him just on the outskirts of a village, drawing his allowance of sausage and smoking a nice big, fat cigar, leaning against a wall, when rat-tat-tat makes him grovel on the ground and say -

Oh, those guns! they are nice things when your own side's got 'em, but they are denced beastly things when the "other" chap catches you in the open. But still, the only people who can build dug-outs are the M.G.'s; of course the Huns never see them working. Oh, no! and they

would not fire on our dear friends.

Then, Mr. Editor, we have also the "Snipers"; they stroll round the valleys with a telescopic rifle over their shoulders looking for trouble; but our old friend "Herman" is a wary individual who seldom gets spotted, but he let himself go the other day, and there was great joy in - Trench. (Censor).

The Snipers are in close relation to the Bombers and Scouts, and usually are in the same area. They talk of Nos. 2 and 5's, but I am sure that our Doctor doesn't keep any of those kind of pills in the sulting Room."

The next gentlemen are the Stretcher Bearers; they always make one shudder, because if there is anything doing, the stretchers are being hauled on someone's shoulders. Our first lot are eating K.K. at present, but we have now a body of strong men who can also do the work with the necessary energy.

They, too, live on their own. It is best so; and they also bear witness to redoubtable deeds, for one, Private Cork, has got the "Medaille Militaire," and those that remember it know that he earned it. They also have on the door the inscription: To Blighty; and on the

other side: To Berlin. These people are nasty.

Pioneers are also necessary in this war of ours. They are of various endeavours; they work in wood, they sling a rifle at you, or they see how much creosote you can smell, etc., etc. If anything wants mending, soldering or stealing, you can guess the Pioneers will do the job. Anyone who wants to bring out a patent to "straafe" the aforesaid "Fritz" at once makes for the "Hammer and Pincers" to elaborate their ideas, and of course it is turned out in first-rate style. They can even make dug outs so as they can leak. They always have a barrow, and what a barrow! I have seen it carrying a ton, when its capacity should have been about 200lbs.

Now, Mr. Editor, the paper is running short, and so, I expect, is your patience, but we old ones of the Regiment want to congratulate Captain R. G. C. Brock on being "mentioned in despatches." The only grouse we have is that he ought to be with us. "Some Transport" coming.

3rd BATTALION.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion during the period October 25th to November 24th:-Special Reserve-2nd Lieut. B. M. E. Baker, 2nd Lieut. J. H. Morrish, 2nd Lieut. R. W. S. Meakins, 2nd Lieut. A C. Sargeant, 2nd Lieut. H G. Scudamore, and 2nd Lieut. T. J. Molony, first appointment. Captain M. H. Woods, Lieut. V. C. Sewell and 2nd Lieut. F. T. Mansfield, from British Expeditionary Force.

The following Officers left the Battalion during the same period: Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett, to Berkshire Regiment; and Lieut. S. T. L. Maunder and 2nd Lieut. E. E. Lamb, to Lancashire Fusiliers; Sheppard, to Munster Fusiliers; 2nd Lieut. G. W. Dando, to 1st Battalion R.W.K. Regiment; 2nd Lieut. C. G. L. Elverson, 2nd Lieut. J. H. Day, 2nd Lieut. H. B. Bennett, and 2nd Lieut E. C. Wilson, to Persian Gulf; 2nd Lieut. J. W. F. Rowe, to Army Signal Service, Bletchley.

Congratulations to N. P. K. J. O'N. McCleland, S. H. Lewis and Murray Robertson, on their promotion to Captain; and to G. D. Borland, W. M. Dobie T. K. Wright, F. R. Wright, on their promotion to Lieutenants.

FOOTBALL.

At present we are fiercely engaged in an Inter-Company Football Competition, which is conducted under the supervision of Captain Tuff, himself a noted footballer.

In the first round, the results were as follows:—
Machine Gunners beat "C" Company.

"B" Company beat Grenadiers.
"E" Company beat "D" Company.

"A" Company beat Band and Drummers.

We have only played one outside match since last writing : against our 10th Battalion, whom we defeated rather severely by 4-0.

We were a much better side than they were, and great credit is due

to them for their plucky effort against a more experienced team.
On Wednesday, November 24th, the Officers of the Battalion motored over to Sutton Valence School, where we lunched, and then played the School at Rugby. Naturally, they were a very young side, and a good deal smaller than we were, but they played a very plucky game against a much heavier side. It was the first time we had played this year, and if we could get more practice should make quite a good side. The final result of the match was a win in our favour by 19-8. Our tries were scored by Liebenrood (two), Huggan (two) and Cobb.

The team was as follows:—Back, Captain Henderson-Roe (Winchester); three-quarters, Lieuts. Liebenrood (Tonbridge), Huggan (Mart-

borough), Coltman (King's School, Rochester), and Lees (Wellington); halves, Captain Herman (Eton), Lieut. Henn (Marlborough); forwards, Lieuts. Cobb (Tonbridge), Hyde (Wellington), Norris (Uppingham), Bellman (Hailebury), Morrish (Uppingham), Booth (Marlborough), Sewell (Wellingborough), and Cale (Worcester).

3rd BATT. FOOTBALL.

The final tie in the Inter-Company Competition took place on December 13th at Gillingham, between "A" and "E" Companies. The Mayor of Gillingham started the ball, and Lieut. Huggan soon scored for Company. "E" Company had the opportunity to equalise from a penalty before the interval, but Johnson was unsuccessful with the kick. Play in the second half was of a rather scrambling order, this doubtless being due to the bad state of the ground, which tended to make the players nervous. Bonarius showed up well for "A" Company, but his colleagues neglected several good openings. The play, though loose, was gruelling to the teams, and before the end came they had slowed down noticeably. The goal already referred to was the only one of the match, so that

team. The proceeds of the match were for providing comforts for men at the Front, and it is expected the total will be between £40 and £50. There was not a great attendance to see the play, but a large number of tickets had been sold beforehand.

1/4th BATTALION.

Jubbulpore, India.

To-day (October 29th) is the anniversary of our embarkation for India, and within the next few weeks we shall complete twelve months actual service in this country. Our path during the period in question has certainly laid along somewhat pleasant lines, and one almost hesitates to put pen to paper when confronted with the deadly commonplace aspect our doings must have as compared with the wonderful stories one reads almost daily of the brilliant deeds of our comrades of the regiment who are making history in various other parts of globe. The Editor's demands for copy, however, are, I suppose, not to be ignored, and I can only hope that those who are fated to read these lines will not be troubled with boredom to quite the same extent as I am in inditing them.

With the welcome return of the cooler and more settled weather, training has recommenced with renewed vigour, and useful work is being accomplished in all directions. At the time of writing we are engaged in company training, and the several programmes drawn up by the Company Commanders have been very thorough and well-devised. In addition to the usual advance and rear-guards, outposts, company attacks, etc., a good deal of attention has been paid to night work and entrenchments, every endeavour being made to carry out the latter in accordance with the latest ideas from the fighting areas. Most of the work was carried out after darkness had fallen, and the trenches constructed were more or less complete in every detail, with sand-bag loopholes, machine gun pits, overhead cover, bomb throwers and listening communication and reserve trenches, and domb-proof dug-outs, etc. The work of company training is to be continued under canvas during the present month by half battalions at the time, and this in turn will be followed by battalion and brigade training at the same camp, the whole scheme being booked to be completed somewhere about the 23rd of December next.

The Battalion is again more or less complete, the hill party, numbering between one and two hundred, who have spent the whole of the summer season far away up in the hills at Ramkhet, having just rejoined us. Apparently they have had a fairly comfortable time during their six months' absence, for they have experienced a climate far more homelike and reasonable than that which pertains to the plains of Central India. Captain J. Henson, who was in charge of the detachment, is likely to be leaving the Battalion shortly, having been offered a post on the staff of the G.O.C., the 5th (Mhow) Division.

Rumours of changes and the movements of troops in India are still going the rounds of the stations. During the last week, however, something much more tangible than a mere rumour has come to light, and has set every one on the tip-toe of expectation once again. The Indian Government is mobilizing yet one more Division for Active Service. Much secrecy is of course being observed in its constitution and destination, but although no official information has reached us, it is generally believed that they are intended for despatch to Serbia. It is, so we understand, comprised of practically all the regular troops still remaining in India, together with a few Territorial units, viz., the Sussex Brigade R.F.A., the 4th The Queen's (R.W. Surrey Regiment), and the 5th Buffs (East Kent Regiment). The latter battalion, of course, belongs to our own Brigade at home, and also in India. They are stationed at Kamptee, and are the only other European infantry corps in the Jubbulpore Brigade besides our own.

The sudden orders that they received to mobilise had the effect of breaking up an interesting little Brigade Boxing Tournament that had been arranged to take place here on Saturday last. The Buffs had sent quite a large number of competitors, and these had arrived in the station to complete their training in the earlier part of the week. Two days before the competition took place, however, they were wired for to return.

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Capitain Satterthwaite batted well for us, putting together 35 in fine style, while Co. Sergt.-Major Lander bowled well, taking six wickets for

Survey, and Co. Serget. Major Lander was again in form with the ball, five study and Co. Serget. Major Lander was again in form with the ball, five for L7 and four for 5. Team:—Captain R. E. Satterthwaite, Captains L. W. Meame, R. Keyes and R. D. Brewis, Lieut. J. M. Pritchard, Co. Serget. Major F. G. Lander, Serget. Fawcett and M. G. Smith, Ptes. Knight, Major F. G. Lander, Serget. Fawcett and M. G. Smith, Ptes. Knight, Elewin and Jenkins A word of praise is due to Serget. M. G. Smith, well-known in Bromley cricket, for his very smart work behing the sticks, despite his 50 years.

Hooping his 50 years. 18, and in the second innings two for none.

October 17th, v. Rest of Station. Won by an innings and 59 runs.

1/5th Battalion 199; Rest of Station 44 and 96.

Captain Keyes 56, Pres. Knight 58 and Lewin 21, batted in excellent for the station of the station of

despite in S 30 years.

Hockey,—The Battalion team beat 6th Brigade R.F.A. 5—0; beat Star Club 6—2; drew with G.I.P. Railway I—I.

"A" Company Hockey Team are to be congratulated on winning a silver trophy put up for competition at a Hockey Tournament, open to the Station, by Mr. F. Hills, the Secretary of the final I—0.

They beat the 1st team of 6th Brigade in the final I—0.

If 8 Corpl. 6. Walker, 2009 Pte. R. Cox, IL55 Pte. J Smith and 1860 Pte. H. O'Connor have been attached to the Signal Depot, Poons, for an advanced course of signalling and telephone work.

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The following N.C.O.'s and men, having been appointed to commissions, sailed for England from Bombay, 14th October: 2522 R. Higgs, 2474

Smyth, 2024 Corpl L. Edwards, 3473 L. O. Crowther, 2532 R. Higgs, 2474

R. Wann and 2460 A. J. Edwards.

served as a stretcher bearer with the London Rifle Brigade in France, England and are posted to the Battalion for duty. The former having 2nd Lieutenants E. Lindley Jones and E. V. Stokes have arrived from talion in due course. Indian Army Reserve of Officers, and will be posted to a Native Bat-

2472 H. O. Crowther has also been appointed to a commisison in the

2nd Lieut, K. O. Smithers and 5476 Sergt. Instructor W. Gillespie proceeded to Satara on 12th October to attend a course of instruction in has some extremely interesting tales to tell of his experiences in this

1575 Pte, B. Evans and 1969 Pte, W. E. Holloway proceeded to Aden musketry.

instruction in cooking on October 28th. on 18th October for service with the Mechanical Transport Company.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

J. R. Felmingham promoted Sergeant 19th October, 1915. 23 Corpl. P. Fairman appointed Lance-Sergeant, 11th October, 1915, 1265
Toz Corporal C. Flack appointed Lance-Sergeant, 15th October, 1915, 1265
Lance-Corpl. C. Juniper promoted Corporal 15th October, 1915, 1289
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Corpl. F. Hanmore promoted Corporal 15th October, 1915, 2808
Sergeant A. E. Cooper promoted Sergeant 15th October, 1915, 1418 LanceCorpl. F. Hanmore promoted Sergeant 15th October, 1915, 1415 Corpl.

J. R. Felmingham promoted Sergeant 15th October, 1915, 1415 Corpl.

Zth BATTALION.

Having dragged us out here, having made veritable water rats of us, then he leaves it. Nothing, nothing, nothing to report. He mocks us with gramophones! he laughs at us with dummies; he tickles us with a stingy allowance of whitz-bangs, and leaves boredom to do the rest. Compared to him, the mud-pushers of an Urban District Council have an adversary of the mocks of the control The Hun is hopeless.

W.E. of Cabinet Ministers to divert you, Zeppelin bombs to break your existence pulsating with excitement beside ours. Such a position of

monotony. We are very bored; the Hun has nearly done his work; it needs but the rats, the R.E. and H.Q. to complete it.

A moment though! On three days of the last thirty something happened. On the first we beat the Heddords at "Rugger" 47—0, on the second the Northamptons (25—3), on the third the Queen's beat us at "Sorgan" (9—1) Strange (12—2), on the plant the Queen's beat us at "Sorgan" (9—1) Strange (13—1) Strange (13—1) Strange (14—1) Strange (14

Sth BATTALION. "Soccer" (2-1). Strange that the Press Bureau should have overlooked it;

September 26th:-The following is an account of the fine work of the 8th Battalion on

We stayed all night in the Front Line German Trenches, captured of the 24th. We took up our position ready for the attack on the night of the $\Sigma5\text{th}$, all ranks very cheery, though they had had no food since the night

that morring. An appalling cannonade went on all night, and at II.20 a.m. on Solih we advanced. The Battalion went wonderfully. The speed was tremendous, though there must have been a full mile to go.

Casualties commenced at once and things looked bad, as we had our last flamp in the air and were being endladed by machine are not apply to the last flamp in the air and were being endladed by machine are not apply to the last flamp in the air and were being endladed by machine

Officers, N.C.O.'s and men at this time did their work splendidly and went forward like anything. However, on reaching the German in the wire itself. left flank in the sir and were being enfladed by machine guns. This question of our flank being in the sir has not been explained to us.

experienced all the time. General Haking congratulated the Battalion The retirement was carried out in perfect order, heavy losses being No progress could, therefore, be made, and the Battalion had to re-

> chiefly owing to the fact that the company trainings, with their some-Sports generally are not occupying quite so much attention as usual, vide other competitors, the whole thing had reluctantly to be abandoned. By that time, of course, the various rounds of the several confests had all been arranged, and as it was impossible at such short notice to pro-

> honours under "knock-out" conditions. The four platoons of each Com-What arduous programme of work, night operations, etc., do not allow of sufficient time being given to them. Football, hockey and an occasional game of cricket are, however, indulged in when opportunities present themselves. In the first named a new competition has been inaugurated, the sixteen platoons of the Battalion contesting for final bonours and the sixteen platoons of the Battalion contesting for final bonours and the sixteen platoons of the Battalion contesting for final

> pany have already played off amongst themselves, and the survivors who

will participate in the semi-finals and final are:

"A" Co., No. I or No. 4 Platoon.

"B" Co., No. 10 Platoon.

"D" Co., No. 13 or No. 14 Platoon.

"In Co., No. 15 or No. 14 Platoon.

"I)" (6,, No. 15 or No. 14 Platoon.

The weather here now is almost perfect, with day after day of brilliant sunshine and unclouded skies. The temperature at mid-day is still pretty high, but the evenings are quite delightful and the difference between day and night, already begins to be very considerable. In as low as 54 degrees, which, as may readily be imagined, struck us as a so occasion last week in the early morning the glass dropped as low as 54 degrees, which, as may readily be imagined, struck us as so low occasion last week in the early morning the whole fairly decidedly chilly. The health of the Battalion remains on the whole fairly decidedly chilly. The health of the Eastennian and send-fly fever a number of minor ailments. A few cases of malaria and sand-fly fever a number of minor ailments. A few cases of malaria and sand-fly fever is troubling us.

3 4th BATTAL ION

Since last writing, the chief event worth chronicling is that eight officers have been sent to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

We were first asked to provide eight officers to serve with a Division abroad. When the names were sent in, it was not known with what Unit needen the names were sent in, it was not known with what Unit recently heard with satisfaction that they were serving with our Yod Battalion. The officers selected were the following:—Lieut, C. E. Harrard, Lieut, X. H. Frans, Lieut, W. F. E. Peareth, Lieut, E. T. L. Baker, Lieut, C. L. Dunkerley, 2nd Lieut, C. C. Wewington, 2nd Lieut, E. S. Micoll, 2nd Lieut, R. A. Bone,

Durkerley, 2nd Ineur. O. C. Bewington, and Ineur. E. S. Wichigh and Durkerley, 2nd Ineur. O. C. Bone.

An enthusiastic send-off was given them. We have been pleased to receive visits from Colonel Simpson, Captain Dillon and Lieutenant Woollett, returned from our 2/4th Battalion, and were pleased to see them looking well.

On October 21st the Kent Brigade moved into winter quarters at Ton-bridge. We have settled to a strenuous course of training, learning some of the new arts of war such as bomb-throwing.

Company matches have proved very interesting, and have been keenly contested. O Company have the pick of the Battalion, however, and have beaten the other Companies in turn.

7 318. Millitary Football Tournament was arranged on September 13th, 1915 at Sevenoaks, for the Home Counties Division Artillery, the Kent Infantry at Sevenoaks, for the Home Counties Division Artillery, the Kent Infantry Brigade and other units. A Silver (hallenge Cup and Medals for the winning, team have been kindly offered by Mr. R. L. Mond.

We entered two teams, A team and B team. Our A team was drawn to play 2/4th the Buffs B team, on September 23rd. The result was a draw, anp after two re-plays, both of which were draws, we won 3-2.

our A team. Our B team played the 1/4th Howitzer Brigade, R.F.A. Ammunitio v Column, on November 27th, and after a hard game lost, score 4—2. The draw for the second Round has yet to take place, but we expect great things from our 4 perm

1/5th BATTALION.

Despite millions of rumours, the l/5th Battalion are still playing the waiting game in the "Shiny East."

The companies commenced their "Company Training" on the lat October, which includes instruction in bomb throwing and plenty of Dayonet work.

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training, returning to Jhansi on the Ilth. The former item serves us with the knowledge that we may yet be called on tor duty in the West.

"D" (Company have completed the major portion of their training, and let on the 1st November for Raksar for field firing and further refining to the list on the list.

The musketry is now completed, and although not officially published, "A" Company is the best Shooting Company with an average, I believe, of 95, which is not too bad.

Now that the cooler weather is approaching we have started cricket

Tow that the cooler weather is approaching we have started cricket in earnest. During the month we have had two Battalion team matches, one against the lists Pioneers and the other against the rest of the Sistention, the result in both cases being a win. I have not, unfortunately, the result in detail, but the following is a brief summary:—

October 10th, v. ISIst Pioneers. Won on first innings by 76 runs.

Listh Battalion, first innings 187, second innings 96 (for five wickets, innings declared closed); ISIst Pioneers, first innings III, second innings 31 (for three wickets).

warmly on the way in which it advanced, and it was pointed out that, though we were unable to hold the position attacked, we had diverted a large force of Germans from further south and then enabled the French to advance.

The most sad part of the whole affair was that the ground over which we advanced was "No Man's Land" for eight or nine days, and many men who were not very badly hit were eventually picked up after six days lying in the open.

I do not think there is any doubt at all but that the 8th Royal West Kent has followed the gallant example of the 1st Battalion out here and added to the fine name always possessed by the Regiment.

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A Staff Officer writes: "They did most brilliantly; they got through several lines till they were held up by wire, and enfiladed by machine guns."

2/5th BATTALION.

The Battalion has been quartered in Tonbridge during the month, and has lost a large number of officers and men transferred to the 3/5th, but still remains a strong Battalion.

Rumours of all sorts prevail consigning us to every country under the sun, but training goes on much as usual.

Our Rugby XV. beat the 2/4th Buffs by 14 to nil, and encouraged by this played against a picked team from the whole Garrison, win-

ning by 35 to 3. The Association teams have not done as well, both being out of the Divisional Tournament

By the retirement of Colonel Stanley Williams, Lieut.-Colonel E. Basset Willis becomes Senior Colonel in the Brigade

The Officers' Mess has now been established at Somerhill, the fine old XVI. century residence of A. E. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Esq.



2/5th Battalion Rugby Football Team.

Left to right:—Standing—2nd Lieut. Howcroft, Lance-Corpl. Brazil, 2nd Lieut. Kelsey, Lieut. Gedge, Captain Barnard (captain), 2nd Lieut. Chattell, Lieut. Dodson, Lieut. Hay, Lieut. Payne.

Sitting—Lance-Corpl. Watt, Corpl. Tarring, Lance-Corpl. Crawley, Lance-Corpl. Johannes, 2nd Lieut. Whitrow, 2nd Lieut. Murphy.

9th BATTALION.

BRIGADE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The first match of the League in the competition for the cup presented by the G.O.C. was played on the Lancing College ground on Wednesday, the 24th ult., between the 10th Royal Sussex Regiment and the 9th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment before a good crowd of spectators. Hunter (of Chelsea) and other well-known players assisted the Sussex men, who were altogether the heavier team. Before the commencement of the game the Sussex lot were strong favourites, and when the two teams met a short while ago in a friendly match the West Kents were considered very lucky in making a drawn game of it.

were considered very lucky in making a drawn game of it.

The ground, which is an excellent one, was in tip-top condition, and this assisted materially in the scientific and fast play on both sides to which the spectators were treated. The Sussex team opened strongly, but good passing on the part of the West Kents resulted in a goal being scored by Pte. Cheeseman very early in the game. From this time on the West Kent forward line worked well together, being especially brilliant in short, sharp passes, completely upsetting the defence of their "heftier" opponents and resulting in two more goals being notched by Lance-Corpl. Taylor. After this the Sussex team warmed up, and made strenuous efforts to score, one shot being just "tipped" over the bar by Sergeant Eaves, the West Kent "goalie." At half-time the West Kents were leading by three goals to nil. On the resumption of the game, much to the delight of their supporters, as a result of some really clever passing between the forwards, Purnell for the West Kents was able to take a long shot, which the Sussex goalkeeper failed to stop. Another goal was scored by Cheeseman for the West Kents, and from then till the end of the game the Sussex team showed a very marked improvement, and Sergeant Eaves only just succeeded in saving what

looked like being a certain goal at short range. Not to be resisted, the Sussex men managed to find the net twice in succession, the last one being scored just five minutes before time. Before the call of time the men of Sussex pressed their opponents very hard and had rather bad luck in not being able to add to their score. Great credit is due to the Kentish forwards who, though playing together for the first time, worked cleverly in combination, and took advantage of the opportunities for scoring which occurred during the first part of the game. They were ably supported by the sound defence of their backs and half-backs, who had to play all they knew in the second half to prevent the Sussex team increasing their score. The final score was:—

West Kents 5 goals
Sussex 2 goals
The teams were as follows:—West Kents : Sergt. Eaves; Pte. Hockham

The teams were as follows:—West Kents: Sergt. Eaves; Pte. Hocknam and Sergt. Gilpin; Pte. Harwood, Pte. P. Smith, and Lieut. Lewin; Lance-Corpl. Medcalf, Pte. Cheeseman, Lance-Corpl. Taylor, Pte. Purnell, Pte, Bray. 10th Sussex Regiment: Lance-Corpl. Weller; Lance-Corpl. Barratt and Pte. Anderson; Lance-Corpl. Hunter, Pte. Hopkins and Lieut. Flowers; Corpl. Keanally, Pte. Whitney, Lance-Corpl. Gardner and Lance-Corpl. Heis.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Lieut N. A. Johns and Sergt. Jenkins assisted the Barbarians in their match against the South Africans at Richmond on the 20th November. The Colonials put up a good game, but were beaten by nine points to three points.

2nd Lieut. C. Adams has been appointed Brigade Football Secretary. Considerable disappointment is felt at our not being able to secure a ground for Rugby, and it is feared in consequence that though we possess considerable talent we shall not be able to get a team together. We understand that for Brigade matches arrangements are being made

to have the use of a ground in the vicinity of the Shoreham Railway Station, and it is just possible that permission may be obtained for us to utilize this.

During the last week or so we have lost a good many officers who have been with the Battalion for some time. Lieut. A. D. L. Wilson has been ordered to the Front. Lieut. F. M. Bowen, who was ordered for foreign service at the same time, took an active and prominent interest in both "Rugger" and "Socker." Amongst the others who have left are Lieuts L. J. Dodd, E. W. Hewett F. H. Champion and E. W. Hubble, who have been selected for the newly-formed Machine Gun Corps, whose headquarters are at present at Grantham.

We were rather unfortunate at the concert held on the 25th ult., as it came to an abrupt termination. An excellent programme had been arranged and a large number attended. Early in the programme, however, the lights suddenly went out. Miss Hogarth and Signaller Prior endeavoured to "carry on," but as there appeared to be little chance of the lights coming on again, it was decided, much to the disappointment

of the audience, to postpone the concert.

A considerable amount of speculation exists as to the number of recruits we may expect to receive when Lord Derby's scheme is in working order and when some form of Compulsion is adopted. We shall probably get a fair number of these from different parts, so we are looking forward to a big increase in our strength.

We gather that those who fondly hoped to get into a comfortable for the winter months are likely to be disappointed, and that we shall in all probability remain in our present quarters, unless the

weather is exceptionally severe.

The Battalion has been very busy during the past month pegging away with its training, and we shall probably be sending more drafts to the Front before long. In spite of the shortened days and the consequent earlier sounding of "Retreat," our men get through a lot of valuable work. Good progress has been made with musketry. several parties have fired on the Classification Range. Bayonet fighting, too, engages a due amount of attention, so that in the course of a few weeks our sturdy youngsters become fairly efficient with the steel, and will, we are sure, help to keep engendered in the heart of the enemy the wholesome respect they have for British steel. Daily physical drill and the weekly route march-always a pleasant affair at this time of the year-help to keep both officers and men "in the pink." Much attention is being devoted to trench warfare, bomb throwing, etc.

Several new appointments have been made lately. Lieut. F. W. Waydelin to that of Assistant Adjutant, 2nd Lieuts. Ashton and Troughton as Instructor and Assistant Instructor respectively in trench warfare and bomb throwing; 2nd Lieut. Harris, who recently went through a course at Aldershot, becomes Assistant Physical Training Officer; 2nd Lieut. Newbold, who obtained a first at the Lewis' machine gun at Hythe, has been made Machine Gun Officer. 2nd Lieut. C. Adams continues to render valuable service through the medium of his lectures on topography and map reading to officers and N.C.O.'s. Major W. T. Ward has taken over command of "D" Company, while Lieut. H. P. Johnson succeeds Lieut. Wilson in command of "B" Company.

10th BATTALION.

The 10th Battalion got into billets in Maidstone on November 1st. The cold made us glad to get under roofs again, otherwise there were very many who regretted the conclusion of our Penenden Heath Camp. It was certainly an ideal place for a camp, and it proved a most healthy nursery for the growth of a new Battalion, for we flatter ourselves that our progress towards efficiency has not been merely satisfactory, but even very good indeed. It is difficult nowadays to realise that at Midsummer we had only just entered on our career. It is true that we have been somewhat disappointed as to the time we should require to recruit up to strength, and that even to-day we are not yet quite full up. But we have experience as to the time it takes to turn good willing men into soldiers, and are confident as to the future. Our lately joined men have an object lesson in the degree of smartness reached by the older platoons, and are keen to prove that they can do as much in an even shorter time.

There are a considerable number of troops in this neighbourhood, and we rather miss the freedom with which we used to move about for training purposes. However, we find there is ground for us all with a little contrivance. Moreover it is an advantage to see other units and to be able to compare ourselves with them, and try thus to discover

our strong and weak points.

We have now for a considerable time been evolving our specialistssignallers, scouts, bombers, machine gunners, transport, etc. We would much like to know how we compare with other corps of equal service in these branches. Musketry occupies much of the thoughts of the older platoons. One thing we can really pat ourselves on the back about, and that is the really excellent reports brought back by those officers and non-com. officers who have attended the numerous and various courses of instruction. Our average in this respect has been most gratifying.

The Band continues to give us great satisfaction and makes a lot of difference to us on route marches. I enclose account of two football matches. I regret that I have no account of that against our 3rd Battalion. All I know for certain is that we lost-(0-4)-to a better team.

I believe though that we gave them a good game.

The football team of the Battalion has been, with others, helping in the good cause of charity, having taken part in a couple of matches in a series which were played to raise funds for the Mayoress of Maidstone's Ambulance Car Fund. Our first match was with the 2/4 Liverpools, a.

very keen game resulting in a draw of two goals each. Doubtless we surprised out opponents-and we certainly did the large company of onlookers—by our exhibition, and it was the general opinion that the match was one of the best seen on the ground for a very long time. Particular mention should be made of the display of Sergt. Humphreys

In our second match-against the 2/5th Lancashires-we did not do quite so well, but this was rather due to a series of misfortunes which befel our team in the matter of injuries, and which completely disorganised our side. Our opponents, however, were a clever lot, and it was due to them to say that they deserved their 3-2 victory, though had we been able to have maintained our full complement of men throughout the game it is very probable that we should have avoided defeat. It may be interesting to note that the short series of games in which we have participated resulted in a gain to the Mayoress's Fund of about and we are delighted that we were able to do our bit towards raising such a handsome sum.

11th BATTALION.

The month has been an eventful one, and the required number of recruits having appeared the C.O. was able to report a "Completed Batfairncy ourselves as "real soldiers," whose preliminary training is quickly coming to an end.

The final "recruiting" concert was held at the Parish Hall, Ladywell,

when an excellent programme was arranged by Captain G. F. Pragnell and Lieut. Habrow, and a splendid company delighted the audience, which included the C.O. and other officers of the Regiment, and a large

number of the rank and file.

The Soldiers' Club at Holbeach Road was used by the Battalion on the 11th November for a concert organised by Lieut. P. Clarke Richardson, when the Glee Party and the Band took their part in a first rate programme, to which Sergt. Dudley Ford added some very interesting items. Lieut. Knott and Corpl. Germer accompanied the singers, among whom were Misses Longman and Steel, and Mrs. Raines.

In local sports our men have taken part, and given a good account of themselves. The various football teams have fulfilled a number of fixtures, and on Saturday, 20th, by one goal to nil we were successful in the first round of the Charlton Charity Cup, our opponents being the

A.S.C. stationed at Catford.

Lord Derby's Registration Recruiting Scheme has demanded much work from a number of our men, which has been willingly performed, and the workers complimented by the organisers.

Two of our early members, Lance-Corpl. Cowley (the Battalion Recruiting Artist) and Lance-Corpl. Brady have joined the great majority, and were accorded the last sad token of respect by representatives of

their respective companies.

When the story of the Regiment's prisoners in Germany was made known, it was at once suggested that a collection should be made to provide some comforts to aid in alleviating somewhat the many inconveniences of life in an alien land.

The usual annual collection for the Patriotic Society has been made. To date, only two of our N.C.O.'s have been awarded commissions, but with the prospect of such a large addition to the Army as is contemplated by authority, we expect to have to report a large addition

The ladies of Lewisham, who are very proud of the progress shown by the Battalion, have provided some comforts for future use, and, with the additional aid of an exhibition billiard match on 29th November, are actively engaged in getting together money for the provision of two upto-date portable Field Kitchens, so that we may have hot food when on the move.

As so much is being done for us locally, it is not at all surprising that our training is going on most satisfactorily. Work of every kind is cheerfully and skilfully performed, so that whether in our own "square," out in the Seven Fields, in the "other ground," or on the road, it is possible to meet, every day, a fine set of men who are always merry and bright.

A JOURNAL OF WAR. By Staff Contributor.

The following article from "Town Topics" of November 6th will help us to see ourselves as others see us:-

I confess a partiacity for the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. It is a partiality based upon certain personal experiences, and it does not imply disparagement of any other regiment in the Army. A soldier, or an old soldier, who does not believe that one regiment in the Army List is superior to all other regiments in the world is a mon-strosity which I have never met. The doings of all regiments interest me—the doings of the Royal West Kent Regiment interest me more than than any other.

A British regiment to-day is a microcosm of the whole Army. Take one of the few regimental journals which are now being published and go carefully through its pages, and you will learn more about British Army as it is, more of its curious and complex components than

the most brilliant of Army authorities can convey to you.

I have just read the October number of the "Queen's Own Gazette"—a little monthly instalment of the great History of the War. It tells me about the West Kents, but it tells me also about the Army. For what is true about this regiment is true also of every line regiment of the United Kingdom.

The 1st Battalion (like most other 1st or 2nd battalions) is in France, and has been since the beginning of the war. It has lost in officers alone 33 killed and 30 wounded. The Second Battalion is in the Persian Gulf, and has lost three officers killed and three wounded; and there are others.

The interest in the "Gazette" under review lies in the brief little communication it publishes from its Battalions. Ordinarily the regiment consisted of two line battalions, one battalion of special reserves and two or three "Volunteer Regiments," whom one saw at Blackheath and

or great occasions in camp at Aldershot.

I note, in passing, the little table which tells me that of the 1st
Battalion fifteen men have died, 391 have been killed, 1,062 have been wounded, 25 have been wounded and missing, and 126 are prisoners of war, the majority of whom, according to German reports, were picked up wounded on the retreat from Mons. The total casualties in the Battalion have been 1,698.

Of the 1st we know that they were in the great retreat, that they behaved magnificently and earned the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief on the northern line, and that they took Hill 60, and that it is said of

them, "the West Kents never leave their trenches."

A curious thing is a British regiment, with curious ideals and startling standards of efficiency. The correspondent of the 1st Battalion, for example, says:-

"I hand the palm to the stretcher-bearers of the regiment, who were so untiring in their successful efforts to make their cemetery the neatest in the neighbourhood."

The 1st has had a lot of music, apparently.

"First we were treated to three nights of music by the bands and drums of the French Relief brigades, and then our own divisional band made its initial appearance and proceeded to 'Straafe' Wagner and Mozart with all their noisy might."

That beautiful word "Straafe' occurs some four or five times in the

course of the article.

The correspondent of the 2nd Battalion sends a beautiful little sketch showing the many positions at the battle of Nasariyeh. Here you see the Turks' entrenchment and watch towers fringing a grove of date palms, and learn with what cheer the helmeted men from India swept forward to the enemy's trenches. "The boys went in like tigers."

The 3rd Battalion, being the reserve, has nothing more to boast about than a Church parade "somewhere in England," and the decora-

tion of a 1st Battalion man with a distinguished conduct medal.

"We have sent another batch of officers, N.C.O.'s, and men to a garrison battalion, and we wish them luck in their new duties wherever they may go."

wherever they may go."

The First 4th Battalion admits the despatch of a draft to join the 2nd Battalion in the Persian Gulf. The correspondent writes from Jubbulpore, so that the First 4th are doing their little bit somewhere in India. The correspondent talks languidly of the monsoon, and gives the result of matches played in the Football League.

He who supplies the news of the Second 4th is in bed. A Turkish

sniper caught him in the shoulder, but he sends cheery news of the Battalion's conditions, and, since that Battalion is in the Gallipoli peninsula, we may judge the Second 4th to be doing its bit under trying

circumstances.

The Third 4th lives under less strenuous conditions. The correspondent writes pleasantly of days spent in Sevenoaks, of concerts held in the Y.M.C.A. hall, and of the vigorous rejuvenation of company football.

The correspondent of the First 5th begins with a grouse:—
"We are still sweating here and still waiting for heavy rains." Exactly where "here" is he does not say, but since this regiment also provided drafts to the 2nd Battalion in the Persian Gulf, one supposes that, like its fellow, it is somewhere in India.

The news from the Second 5th is embellished with a photograph of

the Battalion sergeants. Our correspondent starts right away and owns

up:"At the time of writing we are still in Sevenoaks in camp without

much knowledge of our future movements."

He hopes, however, to get into billet, boasts that in the divisional boxing tournament the Battalion won the belt for the bantam-weights, the feather-weight belt and the light-weight championship belt, and more the feather-weight belt and the light-weight championship belt, and more than this, hints darkly that the middle-weight belt should also have gone to a certain Private Hurst. There seems to have been some trouble about the heavy-weight competition, for Corporal Willimott, of B Company, "received an injury below the belt in a manner which caused an uproar," and the writer adds significantly, when the belt was awarded outside this gallant regiment, that

"the decision of the referee was by no means the choice of the

spectators."

I seemed to have remembered seeing that phrase before.

Now we have left the Territorials and we have come to the Service

Battalion. The 6th is somewhere in France:

"Tramp, tramp, along the never ending greasy footboards, in which there were frequent gaps. The woods were dark, treacherous, yet alluring. Bullets rattled amongst the trees without ceasing and alluring. Bullets rattled amongst the trees without ceasing and in every direction. The rain pattered down and darkness had set in. It would have been depressing had not the appeal of the ignotum proved too strong. There were the usual wood noises, trees swaying to and fro, not happily but desolately, with that far-off ominous sound. . . By day in fine weather when friend and foe sleep, if the artillery allows them, the wood is a rare beauty,

But scratch flowers there are in profusion, rushes and ponds. over the surface, and there are the dead: English and German. The memory of the woods will be for all time abhorrent. Beneath all the loveliness of Nature the spirit of evil always seems to obtain."

A very fine piece of writing, if I may be so impertinent.

The 7th Battalion tell us that they are wearing out their shoe leather on the hard roads in France. That they have experienced something of fighting the casualty lists show us.

Under the heading, "8th Battalion," there are these lines:—

"With great regret we hear unofficially that the 8th Battalion suffered severe losses during the last week in September, but no

particulars have been received up to the time of our going to press." Those losses we know. The Colonel was killed*, and with him three other officers, cheery Brock Hollinshead, whom I remembered as Adjutant in the far-off days of my soldiering, is missing, and a host of good

fellows have also gone out.

The 9th Battalion is at Shoreham, and hints vaguely at certain experiences with Zeps. The 10th is somewhere in the country. The 11th has been indulging in a grand pageant not a thousand miles from

This is the story of the regiment for a month. It is the story of fifty or sixty other regiments with heaven knows how many battalions, how many "First 4ths" and "Second 5ths" serving in every part of the Empire, enduring and suffering, yet with the spirit and the inclination to "Straafe" Wagner music and hotly dispute the decisions of boxing referees.

(*This is incorrect. Colonel Vansittart is wounded and a prisoner of war.-Ed.).

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE.

The French Government has awarded the Medaille Militaire to No. 5793, Private T. Cork, 1st Battalion, for gallant conduct in removing wounded under fire.

PRIVATE W. HANSON.

We are glad to report that No. 510, Private W. Hanson. 1st Battalion, whose name appeared in our October issue as wounded, and again in our November issue as killed, is alive and serving with the Battalion, having only sustained a slight wound. The official lists are responsible for this error.

2nd-LIEUTENANT M. S. ELL.

2nd Lieutenant M. S. Ell, 8th Battalion, who was wounded on September 26th, and captured by the enemy, has been exchanged as a Prisoner of War, and arrived in England on the the 7th instant. We regret to state he has had both his arms amputated. He was wounded in one arm by a rifle bullet, and while endeavouring to rise was wounded in the other by the fire of a machine gun. He lay for eight hours before he was picked up, and conveyed to Jülich. He was a wellknown oarsman. Educated at Radley, he rowed in the eight at Henley, afterwards rowing for the London Rowing Club in their Grand and Wyfold crews, and assisting towards a victory in the latter event. He was the youngest Deputy Captain the L.R.C. ever appointed, being only 21 years of age at the time,

NOTES.

Major R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O., has been appointed G.S.O. 1st Grade, and given the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel while so employed.

Major J. T. Twistleton Wykeham Fiennes has been granted the temporary rank of Lieut-Colonel whilst commanding 7th Battalion

Lieut. P. N. Anstruther, Adjutant 7th Battalion, has been promoted Lieut. P. N. Anstructer, August Captain, and remains supernumerary.

Major T. R. C. Price, who served in the 1st Battalion for some years before he joined the Indian Army, has been transferred from 11th K.E.O. Lancers to the Welsh Guards.

2nd Lieut B. L. Clay, from the Northumberland Fusiliers, has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant in 1st Battalion.

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* Sergeant H. J. Burns has been granted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular Battalions.

A draft of 300 men, under Lieut F. B. Le Cocq, sent out by 3rd Battion to 2nd Battalion, has been diverted, and are attached to 7th Batt. Dublin Fusiliers, who are part of the 10th Division at Salonika. We have also 150 men with the Garrison Battalion of the Essex Regiment in

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College have been given commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regiment:— H. P. Winn, H. A. Taylor and C. W. P. Selby. * * * * * *

The undermentioned Temporary 2nd Lieutenants from the Devon Regiment have been transferred to our Service Battalions:—L. F. Vinicombe, A. B. Cadell and W. G. Lock

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Major F. W. Burbury has been appointed to the command of the 24th Battalion Rifle Brigade, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-

Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., from General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, to be General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are appointed Temporary Captains, supernumerary to the establishment:-R. L. Travers, G. Y. Goss, S.R.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants, S.R., are appointed Temporary Lieutenants, supernumerary to the establishment:-W. M. Dobie, E. J. Fulcher.

The following Temporary Second Lieutenants of the 1st Battalion to be Temporary Lieutenants:-F. L. Bassett, with precedence next below F. Trask and F. G. Littleboy.

The following are transferred from Reserve to Regular Battalions as Temporary Second Lieutenants:-H. B. Bennett, E. C. Wilson.

Captain A. D'E. Knox has been gazetted Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion under date of November 26th, 1915. *

Lieutenant H. B. Wheeler, R. of O., late 3rd Battalion, has been promoted Captain and seconded for service with the Army Ordnance

Captain W. C. Lamarque, from 2/5th East Kent (The Buffs), has been appointed Adjutant of a Territorial Battalion of the Royal West Kent

The following Temporary Lieutenants in our Service Battalions have been promoted as Temporary Captains:-W. K. Tillie, O. Jones, I. P. P. Walker, C. F. Penton.

* Another unit has been added to our 4th Battalion, as a Reserve Battalion. It is entitled 4/4th Battalion, with Headquarters at Tonbridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HARRIETSHAM.

A memorial service was held in Harrietsham Parish Church on A memorial service was held in Harrietsham Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, December 12th, for Private George Parks and Private Walter Norris, of the 6th Battalion, Queen's Own R.W. Kents. Both were schoolboys together, attending the Harrietsham Church School. They joined up at the same time, were both killed in action near Loos, and their graves are within half a mile of each other. Both families are held in great respect in the parish, as was shown by the large attendance of the service. at the service. A muffled peal was rung by the bell-ringers. Harriet-sham Platoon of the Kent Fencibles attended in almost full strength, led by Commandants G. Mercer and J. T. Hatch. The Rector (the Rev. H. de V. Watson) conducted the service, which was most impressive in the gloom of the afformacy and cover a chart address. In this he showed the gloom of the afternoon, and gave a short address. In this he showed how alert the two young soldiers had been to respond to the call of duty, and spoke of their noble death in defence of their country. The hymns, "Let Saints on Earth" and "On the Resurrection Morn," were sung.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding the following N.C.O.'s and man of the 8th Battalion will be welcomed by their relatives:— 3041 Sergeant W. R. Atchison.

Address to:

Mrs. L. Ross, Dickens House,

Ordnance Terrace, Chatham. 5306 Corporal W. Ames, "C" Co., Address to:

Mr. A. H. Ames,

31, Melville Road, Maidstone.

Private E. A. Ellis, "D" Co., Address to:

Mr. P. Ellis.

47, Springfield Road, Southborough.

RETURNED PRISONERS.

The following Prisoners of War, belonging to the 8th Battalion, have been repatriated, and admitted to Queen Alexandra's Military Extension Hospital, Millbank (they are wounded):—1169 Pte. H. A. Cook and 5326 Pte. F. Taylor.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received two anonymous contributions, one headed "C Com-We have received two anonymous contributions, one neaded "C company" and signed "The Bud," relating to football, and presumably from the 1st Battalion; the other commencing "We are still where we were," and concluding "Like the gentleman in the Recruiting Room, we are satisfied," but there is nothing to show from which Battalion it comes. The Editor desires to point out that in all cases the correspondent should give his name and description, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, as otherwise the matter cannot be published. It is also measure to retar to which Battalion the correspondent lished. It is also necessary to state to which Battalion the correspondence relates.

KENT SOLDIER'S DARING.

CAPTURE OF A GERMAN FLAG.

Pte. Charles Sedgwick, of the 1st Buffs, who has been killed in action, performed a daring deed in the capture of a German flag, which is now in the custody of the Commanding Officer of the Buffs' Depot, Canterbury. The flag was stuck up over their trench by the Germans in order to provoke our men, and Sedgwick made up his mind to secure it. Crawling out under a heavy fire one avening. Sedgwick managed to in order to provoke our men, and Sedgwick made up his mind to secure it. Crawling out under a heavy fire one evening, Sedgwick managed to reach the enemy's trench, but hesitated to pull up the flag staff, thinking it might be a trick by the enemy, and that it might be connected with a mine. He accordingly tied a piece of string to the staff and crawled back to his own trench under fire. While trying to pull the flag into his trench the string broke, and Sedgwick, determined to secure the trophy, crawled back again and this time pulled up the flag and took it back to his comrades in triumph. Although under fire each and took it back to his comrades in triumph. Although under fire each time, he escaped uninjured, but some time afterwards he was killed while doing duty as a bomb thrower.

DISCOVERIES AT ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE.

With a view to restoration, the interesting double piscina, near the high altar in All Saints' Church, Maidstone, has been cleared of the accumulated rubbish which, the Vicar says, had been allowed to choke its deep drains ever since the days of the Puritan iconoclasts, who first its deep drains ever since the days of the Puritan iconociasts, who first damaged it and the canopies of the adjoining sedilia. Amongst this rubbish, Mr. Malyon, the verger, has discovered some interesting remains of 15th century stained glass. These fragments comprise the lower half of a figure of a Saint in flowing white robes, bespangled with yellow rosettes, which had become broken into about thirty separate pieces. These have been skilfully joined and glued together. There are also some pieces of ruby and blue glass. This glass presumably was formerly in the tracery of the great east window. in the tracery of the great east window.

CUTTINGS FROM "PUNCH."

In replying to the toast of the Services, Mr. Balfour showed something less than his usual felicity of diction when he said that "in ordinary peace times the Navy and Army are drunk as part of the ordinary routine of any public ceremony."

OUR ACTING ADJUTANT AGAIN.

"Battalion Orders

No. 8621 Pte. P, Jones, with No. 9821 Pte T, Smith and four mules, will be attached to the Forty-Leventh Brigade for rations and discipline." Mules have not yet reported the result of the discipline.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We regret to announce that from the 1st January next we shall be compelled to raise our terms of subscription, which will be as follows:—

Four shillings a year, including postage. Copies will be sold to N.C.O.'s and men serving, or who have served as such, at one penny per number. If sent by post, two shillings a year.

Extra copies or back numbers can generally be supplied. The price of back numbers will be as follows.—To N C.O.'s and Men, Twopence, to others Sixpence. All subscriptions payable yearly in advance.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, Queen's Own Gazette, The Barracks, Maidstone. Copy for insertion should reach the Editor not later than the 25th of each month.

Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6|- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 3|- a year. Will others do the same, or rather at 4/-?

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of December:—

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieutenant F. G. Littleboy, 1st Battalion, attached 9th Worcesters.

WOUNDED.

2nd-Lieutenant C. W. B. Jarvis, 3rd Battalion, attached 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

2nd-Lieutenant D. S. Freeman, 7th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant F. H. Lewin, 7th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant A. R. H. Bevan, 9th Battalion The Buffs, attached 6th Battalion.

Lieutenant F. G. Littleboy was educated at Fettes, and on the declaration of war was in his second year at Oriel College, Oxford. He was three months in France as a dispatch rider before receiving his commission in November, 1914, in the 1st Battalion. He was sent to Gallipoli with a draft of the 9th Worcesters in October last, and on December 7th while serving with that regiment was wounded, and died the same day. He was only gazetted Lieutenant, to date from July 23rd, on December 14th. He was a most capable officer, and very popular with all ranks.

We append two tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalion with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

N.B.—2nd-Lieutenant M. S. Ell has been removed from list of "Wounded and Prisoners of War," and inserted in list of "Wounded."

TABLE A.

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3rd Battalion	18	17	_	_	-			
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7th Battalion	-	3						
8th Battalion	3	6	8	5	2			
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The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men who have appeared in the Casualty Lists from Dec. 1st to 31st, 1915:

1st BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

8014 Lce.-Corpl. S. Gonick.

118 Pte. C. Arnold.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

8982 Pte. J. Edwards.

MISSING.

5837 Sergt. D. Erskine. 8074 Pte. S. Day. 8116 Pte. J. W. Harrison (unofficially reported Prisoner of War).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED IN OCTOBER, AND KILLED IN NOVEMBER, NOW WOUNDED, recovered, and serving with unit. 510 Pte. W. Hanson.

DIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

7681 Lce. Corpl. J. Hayhurst. 10118 Drummer W. J. King. 9501 Sergt. G. Brown.

1st BATTALION N.C,O.'s and MEN.

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2nd BATTALION.

DIED

8561 Pte. H. Woodhams. 9266 Pte. F. Freeman.

2nd BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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2/4th BATTALION.

WOUNDED.

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2/4th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 126.

6th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

34 Ptc. J. Taylor 840 Ptc. S. Chandler.

493 Pte. C. Parks.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED & MISSING NOW KILLED.

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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

110	Pto. B Cooper.	744	Pte H. Bowlett.
160	L. Corpl. P. Evans.		Pte. E. Johnson.
119	Pte. H. Jessop.		Sergt T. Kevan
	Pte J. Bassett	1006	Pte T. Long horne
207	Pte. W. Bushell.	5495	Pte. A Parsons
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			J. Ruck.		6783	Pte.	C. Hucks	
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6453	Pte J. Bass.	2466 Pte. G. Kohlbeck	
2715	Pte. A. Brown	6524 Pte- J. Luke.	
7360	Pto. G. Butcher.	6023 Pte F. Smee.	
2965	Pte W. Gilbert.	2689 Pte. H. Ward.	
8122	Pte F. Hall.	541 Pte J. White.	
9741	Pta W Hills.	11 Ex. 100	

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

4333 Pto A. Brunger. 5293 Pte J. Morshead. 8041 Sergt W. Atchison (believed killed).

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	Pte. G. Barrett.	2702	Sergt W. Kite
	Pte. A Blundell.	2561	Ptc. T. Kitt.
5382	Pte B Bolton.	4001	Pte. F. Lewin.
3080	Ptc. A Ponner	692	Sergt, E. Llewellyn.
2897	Pte T Briggs.	5833	Pte. W. MacVicar.
1106	L Corpl J Brooker	2467	Pto. G. Martin
	Pte E. Brown.	8056	
	L Sergt. F. Brown		Pte A Milner
5423	Pte W. Bunes		l te. H. Muggeridge.
8952	Pte C. Burman		Corpi. S. Nevetes
2713	CSgtMaj A. Camplin.	4271	Pte. A. Nicholls.
2740	Pte G Clapson.	10749	Pte N. Nuttall
2695	Sergt. G Clark	5345	Pte R Oldham.
2544	Pte. C Cook.	?44 [;])	Pte M. Phillips
6201	Pte D. Cettam.	8153	Pte. H. Prentice.
6260	Pte A Duckett. Pto E. Ellis	2635	Ptc W Rix.
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2613	Ptc. A. Fisher	1736	Sergt. A. Serase
2257	Pte. A Fitzbugh.		Pte H. Sirer.
3662	I. Corpl S Frome.	1065	
3145	Ptc. J. Gillis		Pte F Tarnsitt.
	Pte F. Gray.	6266	Pte S Taylor.
10740	Pte. E. Griffin.	2542	LCorpl. A. Wilson. Pte. J. L. Wycherley.
773	Corpl. W Haines.	5468	Pie. J. L. Wycherley.
5383	Pte. A. Hankins	3780	Pte. W. Yews.
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N.B.—Some of those shown as Missing or Wounded and Missing are unofficially known to be Prisoners of War. - See statements in other columns of present and last month's issue.

8th BATTALION N.C.O.'s and MEN.

			PRESENT LIST.		•
Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of W
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_	37	335	2	185	
	48	348	64	185	_
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	48	289	64	185	

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 586.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and Men are reported as Prisoners

7855 I.-Corpl. G. Ely. 288°. L-Corpl. W. Keep. 9767 Pts. F. Scott. N.B.,—"Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded" includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

THE QUEEN'S OWN GAZETTE.

KOURK	77.0 miles	Pte. W. Tolly,
Subscriptions Paid to "Q.O	D.G.," December, 1916.	Pte. A. Ingram, Pte. A. Manser,
Mr. G. H. Austin, to October, 1916	Or whose court SEL one address to	Pte. H. Lewis,
LieutColonel Latter, to December		Pte. E. Manning,
Lieutenant Schooling, to Decemb	per, 1916.	Pte. F. Oxborgh, Pte. N. Lane,
Det 3rd Royal West Kent, to No Fourteen Officers, 1/4 Royal West	vember, 1915.	Pte. F. Hartridge,
Mr. H. Doig, to April, 1916.	Kent, to Becember, 1910.	Pte. C. Household.
Captain R. Brock, to December, 19	17.	Pte. S. Bailey, Pte. R. Goodbody,
Mrs. Kitson, to August, 1916. Mrs. Waring, to December; 1916	t settler demonstration and engineers	rie. R. Goodbody,
Mrs. Wigan, to January, 1917.	Descriptor 2001 - Come Some	COMFORTS FOR
10th Royal West Kent, to Novembe		The following is the fiftee
Private A. T. Cole, to December, 1 Mr. F. V. Eustace, to December, 1		December 31st in answer to Ma
Mr. F. A. Eustace, to December, 19		
2/5 Royal West Kent, to October-N	ovember, 1915.	Previously acknowledged Dec. 1st—By Sale of Kit of the
Lieut. G. A. Barnes, to December, Miss Clarke, to December, 1916.	1916.	Dec. 1st—Miss Leckie, 4th dona
Mrs. S. G. Wilson, to December, 1	915.	Dec. 4th—Capt. W. V. Palmer,
3rd Royal West Kent, to September	er, October, November, 1915.	Dec. 4th—Carleton Rashleigh, I Dec. 5th—Major and Mrs. Hite
Mrs. W. R. N. Annesley, to Dece Mrs. A. Vansittart, to December, 1		Dec. 6th-Mrs. Grove
Mrs. A. Vansittart, to December, 19th Royal West Kent, to October-	November, 1915.	Dec. 6th—Colonel W. H. Bayly, Dec. 6th—The Members the Ma
Captain C. Diuce, to December, 13	10.	Dec. 9th—Sergeants' Mess, 9th
Mr. A. M. Streatfield Moore, to D Mr. W. Dawson, to September, 191		Dec. 9th—Captain W. Field Soa
Captain T. Sumner, to December,	1916.	Dec. 9th—LieutColonel J. D. L. 3/4th Battalion
Mrs. A. Crouch, to December, 1916		Dec. 10th—Mrs. Hastings
Mrs. Keenlyside, to September, 19 Mr. James Judge, to December, 19		Dec. 12th-Per Major Hitchins, g
Mr. H. Martle, to December, 1916.	and the same of the same and the same of t	Battalion Dec. 13th—Brigadier-General Gre
11th Royal West Kent, to November Sir A. Conan Doyle, to December	ber, 1915.	Dec. 14th-Mrs. Morse, 2nd dona
Mr. F. E. Adams, to August, 1916.	, 1916.	Dec. 14th-Mr. J. Jarvis, Transv
Mr. J. Burrows, to December, 1915.		Dec. 15th—W. Everest, for Mr. J. Dec. 15th—Major A. T. Morse, 21
Mr. F. Grey, to December, 1916.	A companies of	Dec. 16th—The Officers' Headquar
to December, 1916:—	en of "B" Company, 1/4th Battalion.	Dec. 16th—Brigadier-General R.
Sergt. C. Rabbitt,	Pte. A. Whenday,	Dec. 17th—Staff at Wierton Gra Dec. 20th—Mrs. Swanston, on be
Sergt. J. Jupp, Sergt. W. Hoath,	Pte. T. Underhill,	Dec. 20th-Q.M.S. Kallend, proce
LcSergt. L. C. Rowe,	Pte. F. Large, Pte. E. Denny,	Dec. 21st—Captain E. L. Heygate
Sergt. A. Rogers	Pte. G. Gatton,	Dec. 22nd—Mrs. Keenlyside Dec. 25th—Dr. E. Caudwell, R.A
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Corpl. W. J. Palmer,	Pte. T. Chapman,	Dec. 29th—Sir A. Conan Doyle
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Lance-Corpl. Cooper,	Pte. G. Bourne, Pte. F. Oliver,	tol looder ment shoot either
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Lance-Corpl. W. Vincent, Lance-Corpl. H. Hoath,	Pte. L. C. Matthews, Pte. A. F. Nye,	BALA
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Lance-Corpl. C. F. Knight,	Pte. A. R. Chatfeild,	Dec. 31st—Donations received to By Balance of Plum
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Pte. C. Fuller,	Pte. E. Edgar	
Pte. C. Ingall,	Pte. J. H. Collins,	1915.
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Pte. I. Waghorn,	Pte. H. Anscombe, Pte. W. E. Luff,	Oct. 8th—100 Copies, "Sidcup Oct. 26th—Petty Cash, Postage,
Pte. T. Martin, Pte. F. Smith,	Pte. C. W. Lockyer.	Oat 98th_Messer, Dickeson and
Pte A Mundy.	Pte. G. Blundell.	Oct. 28th—J. Wood and Son Nov. 10th—Mrs. Hunt, for note
Pte. G. D. Warwick.	Pte. W. Dean, Pte. R. C. Baker.	Nov 22nd—23 Mouth Organs, S
Pte. W. Catt,	Pte. E. G. Jell,	Nov 27-Sergt, Hotson, 1,000]
Pte. P. Gillham, Pte. W. Catt, Pte. F. Dolding, Pte. W. H. Roberts,	Pte. B. Mathers,	Nov. 29th—Jones Bros., 34 gro Nov. 30th—W. Johnson, 200 pa
Pte. W. H. Roberts, Pte. F. Miles,	C.S.M. W. Pollard, C.Q.M.S. F. Corke.	Nov 30th—Petty Cash, Postage
Pte. A. Cogger,	T. COIRC.	Dec 1st-I. L. Spoor, for Plui
	en of "D" Company, 1/4th Battalion	Dec. 15th—Sergeant A. Hotson, Dec. 15th—W. Johnson, 70 was
to December, 1916:— C.Q.M.S. W. D. Weth,	Pte. F. Payne,	Dec. 17th—W. Johnson, 30 water
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Lance-Corpl. Solman,	Pte. C. Hartridge.	Dec. 22nd—S. P. Sanders, stend
Lance-Corpl. W V. Ball, Lance-Corpl. Fuller,	Pte. E. Shepperd, Pte. W. B. Card,	Dec. 24th—Dickeson and Co., 10
Lance-Corpl. Day,	Pte. A. Whitburn,	Balance at Bank
Pte. F. Moon,	Pte. P. Prunty,	
Pte. C. Elliott,	Pte. W. Till,	

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COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN. The following is the fifteenth List of Donations received up to

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Dec. 1st—Miss Leckie, 4th donation			
Dec 4th—Capt W V. Palmer, 2nd donation	4	2	0
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Dec 5th-Major and Mrs. Hitchins	0	0	
Dog 6th Mrs Grove	4		0
Dec 6th Colonel W H Bayly 3rd donation	0	0	0
Dec. 6th—The Members the Maidstone Working Men's Club	0	14	0
Dec. 9th—Sergeants' Mess, 9th Battalion	0	0	0
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Dec. 9th—LieutColonel J. D. Laurie, Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men			
3/4th Battalion	38		1
Dec 10th_Mrs Hastings	5	0	0
Dec. 12th—Per Major Hitchins, grant from No. 1 Training Depot			
Battalion	10	10	0
Dec. 13th-Brigadier-General Grove, C.B., 3rd donation	20	0	0
Dec 14th Mrs Morse 2nd donation	1	0	0
Dec. 14th—Mr. J. Jarvis, Transvaal	1		0
Dec. 15th—W. Everest, for Mr. J. Wood (deceased)	5		0
Dec. 15th—Major A. T. Morse, 2nd donation	1		0
Dec. 16th—The Officers' Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 7th donation	7	5	0
Dec. 16th—Brigadier-General R. Style, 4th donation	20	0	0
Dec. 17th—Staff at Wierton Grange	0	14	0
Dec. 20th—Mrs. Swanston, on behalf of 2/4th Battalion	70	16	0
Dec. 20th—Q.M.S. Kallend, proceeds of a Football Match	45	16	0
Dec. 21st—Captain E. L. Heygate, 4th donation	5	0	0
Dec. 22nd—Mrs. Keenlyside	16	0	0
Dec. 25th—Dr. E. Caudwell, R.A.M.C. Depot	3		0
Dec. 25th—Sergeants' Mess, 3/4th Battalion	2	2	0
Dec. 25th-Per the Rev. W. Gowans, Parade Services, 3/5th Batt.		6	4
Dec. 28th—Mrs. Ryall, 4th donation	5	5	0
Dec. 29th—Sir A. Conan Doyle	1	18	0
Dec. 29th—LieutColonel S. H. Pedley, 2nd donation	20	0	0
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Oct. 28th—Messr: Dickeson Oct. 28th—J. Wood and Son Oct. 28th—J. Wood and Son Oct. 20th—Mrs. Hunt, for note paper, for 6th Battalion Oct. 10th—Mrs. Hunt, for note paper, for 6th Battalion	0	19	8	
Nov. 10th—Mrs. Hunt, for note paper, for the Nov. 22nd—23 Mouth Organs, sent to 2nd Battalion	1	16	6	
Nov. 22nd—23 Mouth Organs, sent to 2nd—23 Mouth Organs, sent to 2nd—24 mittens		2		
Nov. 27—Sergt. Hotson, 1,000 parts of social solution of the s		17		
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Dec 24th—Dickeson and Co., 100 pairs canvas snoes, 2nd Batt	. 22	19	1	
Balance at Bank	2042	14	7	

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GIFTS IN KIND.

Gifts in kind have been received from the following:-

Mrs. Forestier Walker,

Mrs. Ernest Calverley,

Mrs. A. C. Edwards,

Mrs. Norris,

The Maidstone and District Central Fund,

Messrs. Denniss Paine and Co., Mrs. F. Thomas,

Miss M. Norrington,

Private Barber,

Mrs. Victor Palmer, Mrs. Arundel Martyn

Mrs. Nunn.

Mrs. Brooker.

Miss Walker, The Roan School for Girls, Greenwich. Mrs. Arthur Morse,

Mrs. Turrell, Mrs. O. B. Simpson,

Mrs. Kitson,

Mrs. Buckle, of Waltham Abbey,

Holland Road School, Maidsone (per Miss Glover),

Miss Bance, Ryarsh School,

Miss Mann,

Mrs. and Miss Johnston.

Mrs. William White Palmer,

Mrs. P. Hastings, Mrs. W. Park,

Mrs. Standing and daughters

The Creamy Toffee Co., Maidstone, The 1st Class Boys of the Unitarian Sunday School, Maidstone,

"The Kent Messenger,"

Mrs. Standring,

Mrs. Austin,

Staff, 12, Grimston Avenue, Folkestone,

Mrs. John Dalison,

Mrs. Whitty.

Maids at 76, Cadogan Place, S.W.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalion at the Front as specified:-

1st BATTALION.

November 30th.—4 Footballs. December 3rd.—4 Footballs.

December 4th.-60 Balaclava caps, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mits. Received

December 17th.

December 14th.—1 Gross insect powder
December 15th.—1 Bale, containing 15 bundles (from Roan School for Girls).

December 15th.-40 Waterproof canvas bags for conveying rations to trenches.

December 18th.—1 Bale containing: 100 pairs of woollen gloves, 41 pairs mits, 15 cap comforters, 21 mufflers, 10 Balaclava caps. 12 pairs gloves (lined lambs' wool).

December 20th.—100 Towels, 76lbs. toffee.

December 29th.—50lbs. soap in cakes.

This Battalion has acknowledged receipt of all the goods sent out last

2nd BATTALION.

December 1st.—100 Shaving brushes. December 10th.—50 Shirts.

December 20th.—108 Towels.

December 20th.—100 Pairs of canvas shoes.

The 336lbs. of sweets sent off on September 30th have not yet been acknowledged

2/4th BATTALION.

December 8th.—60 Balaciava caps, 132 pairs mits, some odds and ends. December 15th.—3 Bales containing 42 bundles, from the Roan School. December 20th.-108 Towels.

6th BATTALION.

December 2nd.-60 Balaclava caps, 24 mufflers, II warm waistcoats, some odds and ends. Received December 16th.

December 14th.—1 Gross insect powder.

December 15th.-1 Bale containing 13 bundles from the Roan School for Girls, Greenwich.

December 18th.-100 Pairs woollen gloves, 41 pairs mits, 14 cap comforters, 21 mufflers, 10 Balaclava caps, 12 pairs gloves (lined lambs' wool).

December 20th .- 100 Towels.

December 21st.-40 Waterproof canvas ration bags, 76lbs. of toffee.

December 29th.—21 Packets note paper, 7 packets envelopes, 50lbs. soap in cakes.

7th BATTALION.

December 1st.—170 Pairs socks. Received December 15th.

December 2nd.—132 Pairs socks, 60 Balaclava caps. Received Dec. 15th.

December 4th.-1 Gross insect powder. Received Dec. 15th.

December 15th.—3 Bales containing 42 bundles, from the Roan School.

December 18th.—1 Bale containing 100 pairs woollen gloves, 41 pairs mits, 14 cap comforters, 21 mufflers, 10 Balaclava caps, 13 pairs leather gloves (lined lambs' wool).

December 20th.—100 Towels, 76lbs. toffee.

December 29th .- 50lbs. Soap.

8th BATTALION.

November 30th.—4 Footballs, 1 inflater. Received December 7th.

December 3rd.—1 Bale containing 60 Balaclava caps, 60 pairs mits, 50 mufflers.

December 14th.—1 Gross insect powder.

December 18th.—1 Bale containing 100 woollen gloves, 41 pairs mits, 14 cap comforters, 21 mufflers, 10 Balaclava caps, 13 lambs' skin gloves.

December 20th.—100 Towels, 1 case toffee (76lbs.).

December 29th.-50lbs. Soap.

SALONICA DETACHMENT .- (300 Men attached to 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers).

December 8th.-4 Bales containing 200 Balaclava caps, 200 pairs millens 100 mufflers, 192 pairs socks.

December 16th.—4 Bales containing 150 pairs leather gloves (lined lambs' wool), 72 pairs warm pants, 72 vests.

December 20th.—100 Towels.

December 21st.—10 Waterproof bread bags, 12 pants, 12 vests, 100 pairs woollen gloves, 1 box of candles.

LEMNOS DETACHMENT.—(150 Men attached to Essex Garrison Battalion). December 10th.—72 Pairs mits, 40 pairs woollen gloves, 20 cap comforters, 60 pairs socks, 14 shirts.

CHRISTMAS FARE FUND.

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J. Dewrance, Esq., Chislehurst		V	0
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Mrs. Seligman, Staplehurst Mrs. Wingfield Stratford, West Malling	5	0	0
LieutColonel Sir A. Griffiths Boscawell	1	0	0
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Miss Violet Harding Mrs. Best Dalison, Boxley	0	10	0
Mrs. Ryall, Tonbridge	3	0	0
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Miss Carr, East Maining Dr. Caudwell, Depot, Maidstone	17	14	0
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A. M. Streatfield Moore, Esq.	1	0	0
A. M. Streatfield Moore, Esq. Captain D. Lister	1	0	0
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Weavering Farish Major and Mrs. Beeching Lady Waterlow	2	2	0
Lady Waterlow	46	0	0
Mrs. Vansittart Mrs. Hibbert	20	3	0
Mrs. Ruck	1	0	0
Mrs. Edward Matthews, Stonestreet	24		
Mrs. John Dalison, Folkestone	7	3.5	11
Mrs. Percy Buckle	74	-	6
Mrs W Wigan	. 0	0	0
"Kent Messenger" 1s. Fund	137	8	11
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EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 16-G. Styles, for 600lbs. Kentish cob nuts	11	17	6
Dec. 22nd—Boyril Co., for chocolate	26	10	0
Dec. 24th—Dickeson and Co., for hams and plum puddings	381	0	0
Balance credit	249	15	5

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£ s. d.

CHRISTMAS FARE.

As it was not considered advisable to trespass on Major-General Sir E. Leach's Fund for the supply of Christmas Fare to our six Battalions on service, Lieut-Colonel J. P. Dalison, who so ably administers this Fund, enlisted the sympathies of several ladies, who most kindly consented to collect for this purpose, and so thoroughly did they throw their hearts into the work that a sum of £531 4s. was quickly raised.

To this amount must be added the sum of £137 8s. 11d., the proceeds of the "Kent Messenger" Shilling Fund, thus making a total of £669 2s. 11d., of which £419 7s. 6d. has been expended. The balance—£249 15s. 5d.—has been paid into the Comforts' Fund.

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1635 Private J. Rodgers, of 9th Battalion Australian Infantry, late 5278 of our 2nd Battalion, who asked for a Royal West Kent cap badge to be sent him, writes:—"I am very much obliged to you for sending me the badge, which I very soon put in the front of my hat, and I must tell you it looks very peculiar to see all the old soldiers from home regiments with the different badges up amongst the Australian Forces."

8th BATT. PRISONERS OF WAR-(Further List).

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Our especial thanks are due to Lady Burghclere, who has kindly taken over the care of the whole of the Prisoners of War of the 8th Battalion for two months from about December 12th.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

As will be seen in our news from 2nd Battalion, Distinguished Conduct Medals have been awarded to Lance-Sergeant J. Edwards and Private G. Rutherford. Mention is also made of three other N.C.O.'s and men having been granted the Medal, but unfortunately their names are not given.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioners Officers, and men of the Regiment have been mentioned in despatches by the Field Marshal, Commanding in Chief, the British Army in France:-

1st and 2nd BATTALIONS.

(a) Brevet Colonel (Temp. Brig.-General) A. Martyn.
(a) Brevet Lieut.-Colonel (Temp. Brig.-General) P. M. Robinson, C.M.G.
(b) Brevet Lieut.-Colonel H. Isacke, C.M.G.

Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.

Major C. Bonham-Carter. (b) Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) H. Buchanan-Dunlor, D.S.O. Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) E. H. Norman

Major R. Lynch-White. Captain B. Johnstone.

Captain A. S. Hewitt, Captaiu G. E. Wingfield-Stratford.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. H. G. Rogers. Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. E. Mills. 168 Private J. Hissey.

10370 Private H. Newell.

3rd BATTALION. Captain S. H. Lewis.

4th BATTALION.

Major J. R. Earl Stanhope, R. of O., late Grenadier Guards

6th BATTALION.

*) Major (Temp. Lieut. Colonel) E. F. Venables.

(*) Temp. Major H. C. W. Beeching. Temp. Captain A. B. C. Francis.

(c) Captain G. E. Wingfield-Stratford.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. M. H. Carre.

Quarter-Master and Hon. Lieut. E. Mills.

*) 557 Sergt. Major G. Allen. 8105 Sergt. A. Mitchell. 318 Corpl. G. Tutt.

492 Lance-Corpl. E. Baker, 770 Lance Corpl. W. E. Norburn.

518 Private J. Linge.

869 Private A. Perrin.

(c) These Officers are also shown under 1st and 2nd Battalions.

7th BATTALION.

Brevet Colonel A. W. Prior. Temp. Lieut. B. McKenzie.

8th BATTALION.

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1838 Lance-Corpl. J. Buzzard.

2871 Private A. Scarratt.

* These Officers and Warrant Officers formerly served in the Regular Battalions.

Also the following Officers who previously served in the Regiment.:—
(b) Lieut-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B.

Colonel (Temp. Major General) F. Wintour, C.B.



Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Commanding 2/4th Battalion.

Brevet Colonel G. W. Maunsell. (b) Lieut.-Colonel H. Bush, A.O.D. Major V. E. Muspratt, 30th Lancers. Captain H. W. Snow, R. of O.

Captain L. Beugough (late Ricketts), Cheshire Regiment, (a) These Officers have been mentioned three times.

(b) These Officers have been mentioned twice.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following Officers on the Reserve are now employed as under :-Colonel R. C. Style, Commanding 119th Brigade, 40th Division, Temporary Brigadier-General.

Major J. P. Dalison, 2nd in Command, Depot, Honorary Lieut.-Colonel. Major A. W. Martyn, Commanding 10th Battalion, Temporary Lieut. Colonel.

Major E. V. O. Hewett, Commanding 6th Battalion, S. Wales Borderers, Temporary Lieut.-Colonel, B.E.F.

Major T. P. C. Smith, Army Ordnance Department, B. E. F.

Captain H. C. W. Beeching, 2nd in Command, 6th Battalion, Temporary Major, B.E.F.

Captain C. V. Molony, 2nd in Command, 10th Battalion, Temporary and Honorary Major.

Captain C. Druce, Garrison Adjutant, Tidworth.

Captain G. Elgood, D.A.A.G. on A.G.'s, and Q.M.G.'s Staff, B.E.F. Captain H. W. Snow, D.A.A. and Q.M.G., 15th Division, B.E.F.

Captain P. A. Wilson, with 1st Battalion, B.E.F. Captain W. H. Annesley, D.A.Q.M.G., 15th Division, B.E.F.

Captain A. H. Pullman, D.S.O., Temporary Major, 8th Battalion, B.E.F. Captain W. J. Willis, Quartermaster 21st Battalion, Australian Infantry, M.E.F.

Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Temporary Major, Royal Marines, M.E.F.

RETIRED OFFICERS NOW EMPLOYED.

Colonel C. E. Harrison, Commanding No. 1, Infantry Base Depot, B.E.F. Colonel G. W. Mauusell, Commanding Ostrohove Rest Camp. B.E.F. Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Crosse, M.V.O., Staff Officer N.R.A. School of

Musketry, Bisley.
Major A. T. Morse, Special Employ, Staff Lieutenant, First Class.
Major O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Battalion, Temporary Lieutenant-

Colonel.

Major L, B. Hollinshead, 2nd in Command 8th Battalion. Wounded and Missing, B.E.F.

Major W. E. Rowe, Commanding Depot, Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel. Major F. W. Burbury, Commanding 24th Battalion Rifle Brigade, Temporary Lieutenaut-Colonel.

Major T. T. Burt, 2nd in Command 9th Battalion, Honorary Lieut.-Colonel.

Major R. J. Roche, Quartermaster, Depot, Royal Fusiliers, Major E. W. Brown, Quartermaster, Depot, Border Regiment. Major J. Couch, Quartermaster, Depot.

Captain J. H. Kennedy, Recruiting Officer, Norfolk. Captain J. Lees, Adjutant Ostrohove Rest Camp, B.E.F.

Lieutenant R. H. Eccles, Adjutant, Depot.
Lieutenant D. P. Forestier-Walker, Depot, Temporary Captain.
Lieutenant W. J. Need, 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters, Temporary Captain.

Lieutenant E. J. Hudson, 6th Battalion Temporary Captain, B.E.F., Adjt. No. 1 Infantry Base Depot.

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ary Captain.
Lieutenaet R. A. Paget, 24th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, Temporary Captain
Lieutenant J. C. Cooke, Army Cyclist Corps, Temporary Captain, B. E. F.
Lieutenant W. F. Helmore, Captain 4th Battalion, attached 1st Battalion
S. Stafford Regiment, B. E. F.
2nd Lieutenant C. de C. Middleton, Adjutant 8th Battalion, Wounded and
Prisoner of War, B. E. F.
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Temporary Lieutenant. 2nd Lieutenant G. S. T. Fenning, Temporary 2nd Lieutenant Royal

Dublin Fusiliers, M.E. F. Sergeant-Major W. Brown, Adjt. Depot Garrison Battalions, Temporary Lieutenant.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Commanding 2/4th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Venables, lately in Command of 6th Battalion.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

We regret to learn that Brigadier-General A. Martyn has been invalided, and is now in hospital at Alexandria. It is expected that he will shortly be sent home. Everyone will rejoice to see he has been mentioned in despatches for the third time.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. A. GROVE, C.B.

The Camp at Halton Park, Tring, has been broken up, the purpose for which it was formed having been accomplished, Brigadier-General Grove is waiting further employment.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. F. VENABLES.

We learn with much regret that Lieutenant Colonel Venables, owing to his age and wound, has, on medical grounds, been compelled to relinquish the command of the 6th Battalion. It is expected he will get command of a Reserve or Garrison Battalion. His being mentioned in despatches is a well deserved recognition of the good work he has done while in command of the 6th Battalion. Major C. S. Owen, D.S.O., Royal Welch Fusiliers, has been appointed to the command in his place, We congratulate him on obtaining the command of such a fine Battalion, though all connected with the Regiment would have wished it had been given to Major H. C. W. Beeching, who has also been mentioned in despatches.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As I gather from your Editorial Notes that you would be glad to receive subscriptions to the "Queen's Own Gazette" from Battalions, I have much pleasure in forwarding you a cheque for £10, from our Regimental Funds. The men appreciate the paper very highly, and would, I know, subscribe individually, if I asked them.

Permit me to say how greatly we appreciated the editing of the description of our fights at Nasiriyeh, the addition of other matter to my report much enhanced its value. The sketch also was excellent.

There has been another battle on the Tigris as you will have heard, but we were not in it.

Yours faithfully,

S. H. PEDLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,

Commanding 2nd Batt., R.W.K.R.

Nasiriyeh,

29th November, 1915.

Our thanks to Lieut.-Colonel Pedley for the cheque, as also for his kind appreciation. - ED.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

May I be allowed space in your columns to express the gratitude and thanks of all ranks of the 7th Battalion to the many friends and well wishers at home who have, during the past year, so generously contributed both in money and in kind to the comfort of the Battalion.

To those also who have given their time and labour to the distribution, packing, and despatch of the large quantity of goods received, all ranks wish to express their thanks and appreciation.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. W. FIENNES, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 7th Batt., R.W.K.R.

Dec. 28th, 1915.

Roll of Officers of 1st and 2nd Battalions, showing how they are employed.

Batt 2	Rank. Lieut -Col.	Name.	Station. I.E.F. (D) Persian Gulf		Remarks.
1 2	Major	A. Martyn	Salonika Force L.E.F. (D) Persian Gulf		
Ĩ	Major "	P. M. Robinson, C.M.G	B.E.F., France		Brevet-Lient,-Colonel Commanding 112th Brigade, 37th Division. Temporary Brigadier-General
2	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	C. E. Kitson T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O	M. F.F., Egypt		General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, 46th Division
	" " "	C. Bonham-Carter R. J. T. Hildyard , D.S.O R. M. G. Tulloch , D.S.O. L. H. Hickson	M.E.F.' Ripon British East Africa		General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, 13th Division. Temporary LieutColonel General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, 4th Army Training Centre Commanding 4th Uganda Battalion, King's African Rifles. Temporary LieutColonel
l sell qu shadali	" " " "	H.D.Buchanan-Dunlop,D.S.O. C. H. Stigand J. T. Wykeham-Fiennes A. K. Grant E. H. Norman	Nasser, Sudan B.F.F., France		Brigade-Major 91st Brigade, 30th Division Commanding 17th County of London Regiment. Temporary Lieut.—
2	#14, AV	J. W. Nelson J. C. Parker	I.E.F. (D) Persian Gulf B.E.F., France		
2	Captain	G. D. Lister			D.A.Q.M.G., 12th Division Staff Captain 55th Brigade, 18th Division
2 2	" "	C. R. Ingram A. D'E. Knox	Fort Darland, Chatham		Adjutant, 3rd Battalion
2	" "	A. S. Hewitt C. W. Case-Morris	B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf		Adjutant 7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment Assistant Provost Marshal, 1st Division
2 2	, 12	O. Y. Hibbert H. A. Waring R. G. C. Brock	Fort Darland, Chatham		Brigade-Major, 16th Brigade With 3rd Battalion
2	" "	C. F. Adams A. K. Searight	Newcastle-on-Tyne Nasirabad		Staff Captain 2nd Provisional Brigade Commanding 2nd Battalion Depot
	"	W. G. Yates N. I. Whitty	Chatham		Officer of Company of Gentlemen Cadets Staff Captain 1st Thames and Medway Reserve Brigade With 8th Battalion
2	" "	R. B. L. Bazley-White A. E. Hardy G. E. Wingfield-Stratford	I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf		Bimbashi, Egyptian A1my Adjutant, 2nd Battalion Adjutant, 6th Battalion
1 1 2	"	E. F. Moulton-Barrett A. S. Bredon	Shorncliffe		Instructor Training Centre Machine Gun Corps
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	W. V. Palmer	B.E.F., France 1.E F. (D), Persian Gulf		Wounded, sick leave Sick leave, Egypt
1 1	"	W. F. MacNeece W. Newton P. F. Wilberforce-Bell	Royal Flying Corps B E.F., France		With 3rd Battalion Flight Commander, Military Wing Acting Adjutant, 1st Battalion
2 2	Sieutenant	P. N. Anstruther C. F. Battye	Fort Darland, Chatham B.E.F., France I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf		Adjutant, 7th Battalion
2	" "	O. G. R. Barnes H. B. Haydon-White, D. O.	Oxted "		Temporary Captain Sick leave, New Zealand Instructional Duties
2	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	A. G. Balberine A. A. E. Chitty	Oxted " I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf Bischofswerda. Sachseu, Germany	•••	Prisoner of War
1	"	W. R. A. Dawson J. R. Russell, D.S.O S. C. Tiune	B.E.F., France Fort Darland, Chatham		With 6th Battalion. Temporary Captain Sick leave, England With 3rd Battalion
1 21	"	A. T. Williams F. B. de Cocq W. J. Alderman	Reading Salonika Force		Under Instruction, Royal Flying Corps School With 7th Lattalion, Royal Dublin Fuellions
1 1	"	E. S. Kerr J. D. Burrows R. L. Trayers	Shoreham-on-Sea		With 9th Pattalion. Temporary Captain
1 1	,,	E. A. Sharpin	B.E.F., France" London Wall Buildings, Fort Darland, Chatham	E.C.	Convalescent Camp Temporary Captain Record Office, Territorial Force With 3rd Battalion
1 2	, ,	R. Harrison	I.E.F. (D) Persian Gulf		With 3rd Battalion With 3rd Battalion. Temporary Lieutenant
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1	ine peror	C. H. Windrum A. Lees W. L. Wigan			Observer No. 2 Squadron Royal Flying Corps With 8th Battalion
1	ace", lap	F. A. Eustace H. S. Dce E. C. Hilder	Fort Darland, Chatham		With 2nd Battalion Somerset L.I. Temporary 2nd Lieutenant With 3rd Battalion
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1	",	E. W. Sheppard	B.E.F., France M.E.F		Wounded, sick leave With 1st Battalion Royal Munster, Fusilions
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î	"	G. F. Peachey	,,		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant Temporary 2nd Lieutenant

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1	2nd Lieut.	G. Bullen	DEE P		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
î	,,	W. Wood	,,		With 8th Battalion
i	,,	D. R. Leatherdale	"		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
1	",	R. S. Walters	,,		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
	.,	K. A. A. Norris	Fort Darland, Chatham		With 3rd Battalien
2	"	J. Mills	I.E.F. (D), Persian Gulf		
	,	G. W. Press	Fort Darland, Chatham		Sick leave, England
1	,,	A. D. Fleming	B.E.F., France		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
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1	22	P. F. Cross			Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
1	,,		B.E.F., France		Temporary 2nd Lieutenant
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	,,	L. L. Gordon	Unaven "		With 3rd Battalion
7	27	R. H. Farnfield	Upavon B. France		Under instruction, Central Flying School
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REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned Honours and Rewards for Distinguished Service in the Field, with effect from January 1st, 1916:-

To be K.C.B.. Lieut.-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B.

- Major-General, Colonel (Temp. Brigadier-General) W. G. B. Western, C.B.
- C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Bush.
- Brevet Lieut. Colonel Major (Temp. Lieut ... Colonel) C. Bonham Carter.
- D.S.O., Major R. Lynch White, 1st Battalion.

Military Cross-Temp. 2nd Lieutenant M. H. Carre, 6th Battalion.

To be granted next higher rate of pay under Article 241 of the Royal Warrant:

Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut. H. G. Rogers, 1st Battalion.

D.C.M., 8759 Sergt. A. J. Robinson, 1st Battalion.

D.C.M., 718 Sergt, H. Cresswell, 6th Battalion.

D.C.M., 7963 Pte. H. R. Clift, 1st Battalion.

D.C.M., 657 Pte. G. Jenner, 6th Battalion.

CO.-SERGT.-MAJOR W. H. PENNY.

War Offiec, Whitehall, S.W.,

20th November, 1915.

The following letter was received last month by Mrs. W. H. Penny:-Madam,-I have it in command from His Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin of the late Company Sergeant-Major William Henry Penny, No. 4558, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, that this Warrant Officer was mentioned in a Despatch from Field Marshal Sir John French dated the 8th October, 1914, and published in the "London Gazette" dated 9th December, 1914, for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

His Majesty desires to condole with you on the loss you have sustained and to express his high appreciation of the services of the late Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Penny.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant, (Signed) TECK, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Assistant Military Secretary.

"KENT MESSENGER" SHILLING FUND.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., has sent the following letter to the Editor of the "Kent Messenger"

Dear Sir,-On behalf of myself and the Royal West Kent Regiment. I beg to express our deep gratitude for your great kindness in inaugurating a Shilling Fund for providing Comforts for the Regiment. The generous response of your readers, to whom our thanks are also due, will materially assist us in the work we are doing.-Yours faithfully, EDMUND LEACH, Major-General,

Colonel "The Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment. 27, Thurloe Square, South Kensington, London,

5th January, 1916.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding Depot acknowledge the receipt with thanks of the following donations received during the month of December, 1915 :-

	£	S.	d.
3rd Battalion, proceeds of Football Matches	10	5	9
Proceeds of Concert by Band, 2nd Battalion	25	17	1
All Ranks 9th Battalion	15	0	0
11th Battalion	4	1	2
3rd Battalion, proceeds of Football Matches	15	13	9
Major Bonham Carter	2	10	0
Sergeants' Mess, 9th Battalion	3	0	0
Detachment Officers, 3rd Batt., Lower Barracks, Ch.	atham 2	5	0

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:: News from the Battalions. ::

1st BATTALION.

On the Battalion "coming to town," play was immediately resumed in the Inter-Company Challenge Shield and Medals Competition, and although the ground was heavy some fairly good football was witnessed. In the first match, "A" v. "C," the spectators were treated to a thrill (to "A's" supporters a pleasurable one), for within three minutes of the kick-off the centre-forward of "A" had twice broken away and notched two goals for his side. It speaks well for "C" that not even then did they play like a losing team, and by half-time were on equal terms. Play being resumed, it was easy to see there was only one side in it, and after a fast and exciting game "C" left the field winners by 4--2.

Match No. 2 wasbetween "D" and "B." As "D" early in the game asserted their superiority there was never much of a struggle, and "D" retired winners 5–0. On the following day 'B" made a much better show against just as good (or bad) a team in the persons of "A" Company, and a ding-dong, fast and sometimes laughable game closed with the score "A" 4, "B" 2. "B's" goalie played a sterling game. The last match of this "vacation" was between "C" (the prospectives) and "D' Companies, and a middling game ended "C" 5, "D" 3. The refereeing, unfortunately, left much to be desired, and a much more even game should be witnessed next time these two teams meet.

"C" Company having scored a possible of points are the almost-sure winners of the shield and medals, and a match is in contemplation between this team and one chosen from "The Rest of the Battalion," to be played early in the New Year.

HYRECLY

C COMPANY .- EOOTBALL.

Here we are again! Good old "C." I'm sure some of your readers miss our "Old Buck" which used to appear regularly, but our worthy correspondent being at present in dear old Blighty, having a well-earned rest—which we all sincerely hope he'll thoroughly enjoy—I have been asked to take up his pencil and let you know of some of our doings lately. Well, here goes. During our short period of rest we are playing off for the Battalion Football Shield, and great keenness is being shewn throughout the Battalion, which goes to show that we are not down-hearted yet. We have played three games in the League, and so far have been successful on each occasion. Our first match with "B" Company was a trial spin, as we walked round them to the tune of 13—0. I must congratulate "B" Company on the splendid sportsmanship displayed, as though beaten in every department they never once gave in. Our next match was with one of the fancies—"A" Company—but we whitzbanged them awful, 4—1 being the score when the final whistle blew. Our team shone on this occasion, as we were one down at lemon time and had to play three-parts of the game with ten men, Sergeant Seale, our scoring outside left being injured early in the game.

A certain time elapsed before we could again appear before our supporters, being engaged upon the more serious game. Much to our surprise our next opponents were "A" Company, and they were determined to wipe off their defeat of last time. Still it was the same tale to tell at the finish—"C" 5, "A" 2.

Our team had to be slightly altered owing to injuries of two of our players, but the substitutes found were equal to all demands made upon them. The scorers were Lance-Corpl. Thomas (2), White, Taylor and Lieut. Fulcher (one each). I must congratulate our outside right on a splendid performance. Our next match was with "D" Company (the Heads?). A good game was anticipated, but contrary to expectations it proved to be the worst from a sportsman's point of view. Still we came out top dog—"C" 5, "D" 3—at the finish, thanks to the excellent play of our centre-forward—(Sergeant Taylor) who scored three goals.

2nd BATTALION.

Since the action which led to the taking of Nasiriyeh last July we have been principally employed in "getting fit"—a rather tedious and monotonous occupation in a country like Mesopotamia—and in quietening the local Arabs and consolidating our position. At the time of writing the climate is ideal, a wonderful change after the broiling summer, and there is a marked improvement in the appearance of all ranks.

Our re-inforcements from the Territorial Battalions in India, which arrived in August, were a most welcome addition to our depleted ranks; their good spirits and cheery faces acted as a tonic to the somewhat depressed 300 or so men of the Battalion who had survived the ravages

1/4th Battalion, 1/5th Battalion, 1/5th The Buffs, 2/4th Devons, and of a tropical summer, culminating in a hard fight. They came from our 2/6th Devons. We are proud to have them in cur ranks. We take this opportunity of offering our heartiest congratulations to the six Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men who won the Distinguished Conduct Medal for the Nasiriyeh action and to the three N.C.O.'s and men who received the same honour at Kut-el-Amarah.

Very shortly we hope to offer congratulations to two Warrant Officers of the Battalion on their being awarded the Military Cross.

Our hopes of more glory have been revived by a sudden order for two companies to proceed by water to Kut-el-Amara. Nos. 2 and 4 Companies, under Major Nelson, left here on the 9th November, and should reach Kut about a week later. Major Kitson will take command of that wing as soon as he returns from India, where he has been enjoying a thoroughly well-deserved month's rest. On two previous occasions a move of half the Battalion has preceded the move of the whole, and we are hoping that this will be a repetition of such procedure. Many of our sick and wounded have returned to duty, and our strength is increasing daily. With a little luck this Battalion should be well to the fore when Baghdad is added to the honours of the "pic-nic party on the Tigris."

News is just to hand that in addition to those already granted, Distinguished Conduct Medals have been awarded to Lance-Sergeant J. Edward and Private G. Rutherford. All ranks are delighted to hear of the additions to our roll of heroes.

From No. 4 Double Company Correspondent.

September.

Pray excuse the long silence of No. 4. Fact of the matter is, the Company Correspondent has got a job in the Orderly Room, where I believe there is a great pressure just at present; therefore I try my hand.

You have no doubt heard about our doings at Ahwaz, and our "Light Kit Expedition" from that great city. After squaring everything up at the base we were ordered up country to reinforce the remainder of the Battalion who went before; all hands enjoyed the well-deserved joy ride. We arrived at "Sher-Bogs" in the afternoon and landed in the evening, everything being done in the cool (very strict order). All ashore, we marched through a very thick wood to our new position, and were met by a fusilade of bullets from the dear boys (Turks, Arabs, and others), who were sitting in their trenches about 700 or 800 yards off. We took cover behind walls for the night, no sleep being available owing to our dear friends, the mosquitoes, tasting the blood of the new arrivals. In the morning we went off to our select "havens of rest" to wait for "Der Tag" to arrive, to see our Arab rivals off. Der-Tag came, the glorious 24th July, 1915, and on that bright summer's morning we were ordered to advance, and we did. Soon we were in the enemy's first line of trenches. "Straffing" was the order, and it was well carried out. The Company carried all before it without hesitation.

With regret I write that many a good man fell during this attack, the Companies losses were:—

Killed:—One officer, two sergeants, nine privates. Wounded:—One sergeant, one corporal, 18 privates

I cannot say enough about these very brave men. One thing more, they faced Death with a smile, all for the cause.

On the day following the attack we occupied a most important town called Nasireyeh, finding on arrival that the Turks and assistants had hurriedly fled, not leaving anybody to hand over decently.

No. 4 Company wishes:-

- Hats off to Sergeant Wannell and Private Bridger ,awarded D.C.M.'s.
- 2.—Congratulations to N.C.O.'s and men of Company mentioned for brayery.
- 3.-Luck to "All Battalions," Royal West Kent Regiment.
- 4.—That a suitable indent be rendered by the War Lord for this

place, if he still wishes "A place in the sun." (Given gratis).

The Company are at present keeping pretty fit and training hard for "Der Tag," when I know their "straffing" abilities will help them through to Victory.



October.

The following, compared with last month's correspondence, will appear a trifle flat, but I have had the job banged on to me, and it's no fault of mine.

The battle of Nasiriyeh has been fought right out, and no mention of it is heard in ordinary conversation, which leads one to believe that the Company is settling down, and that we are going to have a long stay. Tents, with very strange designations, are springing up everywhere such as: Sergeants' Mess Tent, Coffee Shop Tent, Library Tent, and many others, the names of which are still so unfamiliar that, for the time, I cannot remember them. We have a bazaar where most thing can be bought, including eggs. The prices are normal, but the eggs are not.

We have a very extensive "Mineral Water Factory," which occupies several acres of ground—or could do if it wished—Corporal Peacogs, of the Company, is manager of this stupendous concern, and R. White's will have to accumulate a very large reserve capital if they wish to remain in existence. The factory has, of course, a slight advantage ever others of its kind by being on the bank of the health-giving and sparkling waters of the Euphrates. (A bottle of soda water will be my reward for the above). The local Brewery Feens running sh rt of supplies and is gradually becoming unpopular with the inhabitants.

Football is now in full swing, and accounts of Company matches will be forthcoming shortly. Swimming is at present a great pastime, but now that the weather has "turned the corner" and is getting very cool, I fancy it will not be indulged in quite so much.

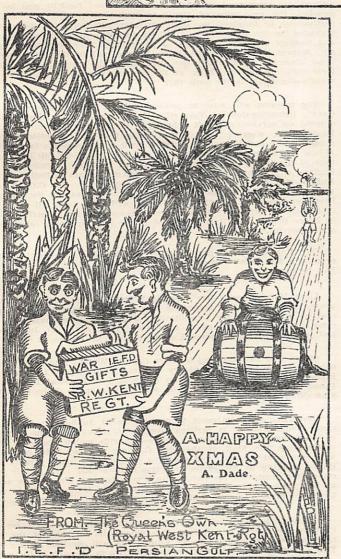
Occasional visits from snipers—sharp-shooters—by night impart that quality of excitement so necessary to life. One bullet unfortunately found a billet in the back of Private T. Lee. He has been sent to Busra, where we all hope he will soon recover.

The foregoing account of Nasiriyeh, should it meet the eye of the civilian population, will, I imagine, cause a rush of emigrants—of the shop-keeping classes. As a tip to them, I may say there is absolutely no sale whatever for Beecham's pills, Epsom salts, or any other drug having similar effects.

The following promotions and appointments have taken place;—Sergt. Craddock promoted C.O.M. Sergeant; Lance-Sergt. Hussey, Sergeant; Lance-Sergt. Wannell, Sergeant; Corpl. Chalklin, Paid Lance-Sergeant; Corporal Lewis, Paid Lance-Sergeant; Lance-Corpl. Gill, Corporal; Lance-Corpl. Peacock, Corporal; Lance-Corpl. Rogers, Corporal.

We have lost C.Q.M. Craddock, who is transferred to No. 3 Company. Sergeant Peacock and Corporal Llyod have transferred from No. 3 to us.

The Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion offered a prize for the best drawing for a Christmas card, and we reproduce two out of the three that he sent us, with the names of the artists. One shows the serious, and the other the lighter side of life. The former, which gained the prize, is, we consider a most spirited picture, whilst the latter will give all of us at home much pleasure, as it shows how greatly the Comforts we send out to the Battalion are appreciated.



3rd BATTALION.

FOOTBALL.

On December 15th, the Officers of the Battalion motored over to Kingsnorth to play the Royal Naval Air Station at Rugby Football.

The score at half-time was 3-0 in our favour, the try being scored by Liebenrood after a good run and kick across by Huggan. In the second half, we rather fell to pieces, and the final score was a win for the Navy by 15-3. On the whole, it was quite a creditable performance, as great difficulty was experienced in raising a team, and several of our side had never played Rugby football before.

Our side was as follows:—Back, Q.M.S. Kallend; three-quarters, Lieutenants Sewell, Liebenrood, Hill and Lees; half-backs, Captain Herman and Lieutenant Huggan; forwards, Lieutenants Hyde, Latimer, Booth, Chester, Tankard, Privates Lewis, Steele and Cousins.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion during the period November to December 25th:—Second Lieutenant H. J. Burns, promoted from ranks; Second Lieutenant H. P. Winn, from R.M.C., Sandhurst.

The following have left during the same period:—Lieutenant W. R. Cobb, Second Lieutenant J. F. Bellman, Second Lieutenant R. H. Cale, to 1st Battalion R.W.K. Regiment; Second Lieutenant J. Cross, to 7th Battalion R.W.K. Regiment.

We regret to see that Second Lieutenant C. W. B. Jarvis has been wounded whilst serving with the 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Congratulations to the following on being promoted:—G. Y. Gross, R. L. Travers to be Captain; D. J. Fulcher, W. M. Dobie, F. L. Bassett, to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir A. G. Boscawen has just returned from a week's tour of the trenches in France, where he was attached to the 7th Leicestershire Regiment.

After his return, he gave a most interesting lecture to the Officers of the Battalion, relating his experiences and giving many useful hints which he had picked up whilst in France.

1/4th BATTALION.

Standing Camp, Baragarh,

Near Jubbulpore, India.

30/11/15.

At the present moment we are continuing our programme of Company and Battalion training, to which I referred last month, and are under canvas for the first time, since leaving England. The camp is pitched at a place called Baragarh, about eighteen miles from Jubbulpore. It was first occupied for seven days by "A" and "C" Companies, under the command of Major Robb. They then returned to barracks, and their place was taken by "B" and "D," first under Captain Henson and later under Captain Bourne. To-day the other two Companies have again marched out, together with Headquarters, and with the exception of about 90 left behind to do the guard duties at Jubbulpore—a party that is to be changed every week—the Battalion is complete.

The march out to camp was a somewhat trying one for more reasons than one. In the first place it had to be verformed in full marching order, and eighteen miles in India in the day time is not an easy undertaking, especially when it is taken into consideration that the Battalion as a whole has done very little marching of late, owing chiefly to the fact that the training ground we have been using in Jubbulpore is situated in fairly close proximity to the barracks. The chief cause of trouble seemed to be blistered feet, the surface of the road being thickly covered with very small hard loose stones, and dust that seemed to penetrate every crack and lace-hole of the boots, and there was consequently hardly a man at the end of the march that had not more or less sore and tender feet. A still further disadvantage was the fact that a large percentage of the men had been vaccinated about a week before the camp commenced. In many cases the treatment had in the words of the Medical Officer, "taken beautifully," and quite a number of men, I fancy, developed strong anti-vaccination tendencies and "conscientious objections" during the day. At any rate, I can from personal experience youch for the fact that an injection of lymph—even although it be taken from the very healthiest of calves—is not beneficial to the human system as the precursor of a fairly long march under the blazing sun in full kit.

The camp itself is pitched at quite a charming, although somewhat out-of-the-way, spot. There are a few tiny native villages in the vicinity, but no pace of importance nearer than Jubbulpore. It is just off the main Allahabad road, and stands near a beautiful sheet of water about three miles in circumference. Like most water in India, whether rivers or lakes, this has evidently at some period been extensively used in connection with the Hind, religion. Along one bank is a huge terrace of granite steps, rising out of the water to a height of about 12 feet. This is the greater part of a mile in length, and on the wide roadway that runs along the top are numerous small shrines and tombs, all like the steps in a more or less ruinous condition.

For training purposes the country adjacent to the camp could perhaps hardly be improved upon, except that in places there are rather dense patches of jungle. The proportion of the area that is under cultivation is comparatively small, and this is therefore not likely to cause much trouble. Mainly it consists of a huge rolling plain, dotted very thickly with numerous steep conical hills, and the whole country is plentifully besprinkled with large outcrops of volcanic rocks and boulders. Game of all description is pretty plentiful, and buck may be frequently seen within a few hundred yards of the camp, while duck and other wild fowl abound around the lake. Up to a few years ago the hills within a few miles distance had the reputation of providing the finest tiger and big game shooting in India, but the opening up of roads through the district and the advent of the motor-car and other traffic is said to have interfered with this to a considerable extent, although a good deal of sport is still obtainable.

The training programme that has been arranged is a fairly strenuous one, and leaves a rather small amount of spare time at the dishosal of the men. What little there is, however, is being fully utilised for sport, and in addition to the usual football and bockey matches, the proximity of the lake makes it possible for aquatic pastimes to be indulged in. Quite an interesting series of sports were arranged for the past week-end. These included inter-company hockey and football matches, flat races, a three-legged race, swimming races, etc. Several humorous events—both on land and in the water—caused great diversion, particularly the attempts of the uninitiated to attain their seats on the bare backs of the regimental machine gun and ammunition animals in the mule race.

The training will have to proceed without the supervision of our G.O.C., Brigadier-General Tidswell, D.S.O., for he has suddenly been ordered on service, and left Jubbulpore on Monday last en route for Mesopotamia, where he will have command of the composite brigade, regarding the mobilisation of which I made a few remarks last month. This, it will be remembered, includes our old friends the 5th Buffs, and thus of the four Battalions of the old Kent Infantry Brigade who left England a year ago, only the two West Kents remain in India, the 4th Buffs having been sent to Aden over six months ago. The G.O.C.'s farewell order to the Battalion was as follows:—"On leaving the Brigade, Brigadier-General E. C. Tidswell, D.S.O., wishes to thank all ranks for their help in carrying out their work thoroughly and cheerfully, and he hopes that they will be rewarded before long by being selected for active service."

Our C.O. is not at present with the battalion, he having been granted a few days' leave to proceed to Bombay. He is expected to rejoin us to-morrow.

Lieut. Clough, who has recently returned from a three months' course at the School of Signalling, has again left us, this time to proceed on service with the Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia. We left camp on Tuesday morning to take over guard duties at Jubbulpore, and on arrival there he received orders to leave the station at once.

Others who have now rejoined are Captain Watney and Sergt. Woodhams, from the School of Musketry at Satara, and Captain Locket, Sergt. Francis and Corporal Davis, from the School of Physical Training at Poona. Captain Henson has left us, and taken over the duties of Station Staff Officr at Mhow.

Reveerting for a moment to our doings at Jubbulpore before the camp commenced, it is perhaps worthy of record that the members of the Sergeants' Mess shot an interesting rifle match against a team representing the Staff of the Gun Carriage Factory. The conditions were somewhat unusual, and consisted of 2nd class figure targets with Bisley marking at 300 yards, 1st class ditto at 500 yards, while each competitor completed his shoot with seven shots at 12in. falling plates at 500 yards—not any easy target as may be imagined. It is satisfactory to be able to state that our men secured the victory by 28 points.

As this should, if all goes well, reach England in time for the Christmas delivery, I will take the opportunity of sending the Battalion's heartiest greetings to the Editor, and will conclude with a New Year's greeting to members of the Queen's Own in all parts of the world.

2/4 BATTALION.

Colonel Simpson writes: "I arrived at Alexandria on December 20th and discovered that the Battalion had passed through there the previous night en route for Suvla, to a camp where the 53rd Division have been sent. I found the men looking wonderfully fit and very pleased to get away from Gallipoli, where they had been having a pretty hard time, having suffered a good deal in that awful storm and frost. I am very delighted to hear really satisfactory reports as to the work and conduct of the Battalion. Our Christmas packages from the Comforts Fund have not yet come to hand, but this was to be expected, as they have probably gone to Mudros.

1/5th BATTALION.

Jhansi, 10th November, 1915.

I am pleased to be able to say that the weather is now much cooler and we are able to get about almost all day in comfort. This is all the more acceptable as from 1st November until 11th December the companies are each doing a period of training under canvas, some at Raksa and the remainder at Khailar. The interesting work carried out during this training, which included field firing, Table B. Part 4, made it very enjoyable, and at the same time very instructive. We are all looking forward to the final stages of our annual training, in which the Battalion as a whole go under canvas from 11th December to 22nd December, and we are expecting still more interesting and instructive work.

The health of the Battalion as a whole continues to be very good, and is largely helped by the amount of sport indulged in by all hands. Every company runs four football teams.

Cricket and tennis are also played a good deal.

Two Football Leagues are run by the Battalion, and on any night a good and keenly contested game can be seen on the Sports Ground.

We are very fortunate in having as Brigadier a well-known Hampshire cricketer, Brigadier-General R. M. Poore, who takes great interest in all our sports. He showed a glimpse of his best county form by scoring a century in a match played recently—Officers of the Garrison v. The Star Club.

Other cricket matches played in the station are Officers of the Garrison v. Sergeants of the Garrison, which was won by the Sergeants and our Battalion v. the Remainder of the Garrison, which we won easily.

It is good to be able to report the great interest taken by all ranks in the different entertainments run by the Battalion. Company concerts are held every Wednesday evening in the Regimental Theatre, when each Company in turn is responsible for and puts on a good programme. A dance is held every Saturday night in the Theatre, the R.A.T.A. and the Battalion Dance Club, running them alternately.

The Y.M.C.A., under the direction of Mr. Hills, also does a great deal for our entertainment by organising boxing competitions and concerts.

Pte. Cowan, of A Company, recently won the medal for the winner of the Welter Weight Competition open to the station. This was presented at an excellent and well-attended Y.M.C.A. concert in the Regimental Theatre. The concert was as good as could be had anywhere outside of a high-class music hall, the entertainers being: Mrs. Spring-Walker, Highland fling and hornpipe; songs by Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Milliken, Captain Harston, Lieutenant C. L. L. Stokes, Sergt. Milliken, R.F.A., Gunner Powell, R.F.A., Ptes. Hunt and Howard; clog dance by Sergeant Milliken; and a most amusing sketch entitled "Fun round a Sentry Box," by Sergt. and Mrs. Milliken.

6th BATTALION.

November.

We settled down to a rest with a smile as we said—in our last epistle — a sort of rum-and-hot stew smile. The Battalion lived in deserted houses, lonely and dreary, innocent of furniture, mostly without roofs, but they were not dug-outs, and so were hailed with delight.

But a time came when we went back to a small village, dirty and extremely muddy, but nevertheless having the elements of civilisation, a place which in peace time would show signs of great industry, but would still be dirty. Headquarters' Mess, plus that of "C" Company, cheered itself immensely with the aid of a gramophone, with a huge repertoire, but whose star performance was the telephone shout by one Cohen, "Wos you dere?"

Behold, another inspection! The Major-General Commanding expressed his appreciation of the good work done. He had known Colonel Venables when he was associated with the 1st Battalion in India, which had then a great reputation—which they had enormously enhanced during the past 16 months—and he was confident the 6th Battalion would live up to the traditions of a great regiment.

Our rest was all too short, and we went back to our homes, the trenches, to relieve the 1st Grenadier Guards. These trenches faced a famous redoubt. There was a certain liveliness on our front, and it was our particular and peculiar hobby to see each night that the Huns were not tampering with their wire. One valiant sergeant wandered forth inspected their wire, and proceeded to return, but alas! he missed his way. He wandered into a German sap, woke up the sentry, whom he nearly placed in arrest, and had a furious argument with him in various languages. Bombs were chucked at him and he was fired at-Failing to gain admittance at this point of the line he crossed over and tried elsewhere, with better success.

Of late we've had a wet and muddy and strenuous existence. We've lived in mud. We've had to work to keep trenches going, as they seemed determined to slip down. Floor board floated merrily along Men might be seen gazing vacantly into the deep. It was a mud wolloper's delight. It rained pitliessly and then the cold wind blew. But we're resting now. We're back far from the stress of battle, living over again the dear old days at Purfleet; there's no time to be idle-We've arranged football programmes and have recreation-rooms. The football field i; excellent, and the mules, who are billeted there, take a lively and intelligent interest in the proceedings. Yes, our transport is still here and has done invaluable service. It has far exceeded the great expectations one had, knowing its wonderful skipper. has it failed in its mission in supplying us in a wonderful way in the trenches. But oh! you should see the transport in its last place, floundering almost helplessly in the sticky, stodgy, adhesive compound; but still they're cheerful. The transport has an amazing capacity for keeping cheerful under the most trying conditions. Of course Mills. our inimitable Quartermaster, has been with them, and this explains a He has obtained in some astounding fashion thick vests, leather jerkins, gloves, and mittens. He feeds us well, and he himself is always a monument to his capacity for catering for everybody's wants.

Fresh faces among us Some of the old familiar faces are gone. We retain vividly the impression of their noble example, their faithful devotion to duty, their splendid resolve to fight bravely to defend the right, their never-failing cheerfulness and staunch companionship, their inestimable appreciation of the glories of achievement of a fine regiment. Their days are over or are to be passed in other spheres. They pass in the knowledge of a great work done or in process of being done.

December.

Firstly it is our great pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to our new Commanding Officer, Major C. S. Owen, D.S.O., 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Lieut-Colonel Venables, who was wounded on October 8th and remained on duty till November 17th, had commanded the Battalion for ten months, during which time he earned the admiration and respect of everybody who was privileged to serve under him, and we much regret the inexorable decree of Fate in the shape of the P.M.O. and Anno Domini.

Since our November epistle it has been our experience to go over again, for just once more, practices and exercises that, at one time, in the palmy Purfleet days, when we attempted them for the first time, thrilled, though they often mystified and awed a great many of us. In fact we trekked back to rest, away from sounds of guns and strife, and during the period, with occasional half-holidays, we got through a certain amount of winter training. But the weather was unkind and the ground soon became a quagmire. Oh, the mules! How they seemed to love the mud; how they rolled in it. And the heavy draft!—they didn't look a bit cheerful. But the mules enjoyed themselves one day. There was Divisional Football Competition, and the mules were tethered along one side of the ground. They looked extremely intelligent at times. Our first match was with the Queen's. We won 8—2. What a match! One went on to the bog gingerly feeling greatly disinclined to get muddy. But after the first immersion one didn't mind so much. Along one line one ploughed heavily along through slippery, slimy, sloppy stuff. Towards the end of the match those who performed showed signs of great exhaustion. But we won.

The next match was with the Buffs. We won 3-2, and so were winners of the Brigade Sub-competition. The General gave prizes at the conclusion of the match.

Rest and training over, we went to our homes, the trenches, once more. Just now we're in support in a charming, straggling village. It has been badly knocked to pieces, and as a home is by no means complete or comfortable. But the whole Battation soon became engrossed in a big variety of occupations—making roads, roofs to houses, tables, chairs, blinds, cutting logs, and in a mild way grousing, for we love to grouse; at least, most of us do, and the more we grows the more we work.

Christmas approaches. There are rumours of great happenings, and gifts. Puddings and meats, and many other good things, are believed to be awaiting us. But of this, more anon.

7th BATTALION.

The professor who at some distant date will dig fossilised mess orderlies from the clays of N.E. France may do justice to our labours; the poet who sang (with apologies to the Buffs) of "Dragons of the prime, That lave each other in their slime," might have found something epic in the excavation (which took place the other day), of a Major-General, like another Hercules in the Augean stable, bogged but undismayed; we, unfortunately, find life more fertile in rain water than romance.

News? Whoever heard of such a thing?—except that most unfortunately (for us) weak-eyesight has "blightied," but not blighted, we hope, Lieut. McKenzie, and a German grenade Lieut. Stevenson—while on the other hand the radiant presence of Lieut. Maloney has returned to beam once more over the Battalion Q.M.'s store.

For the rest, rats and villagers flourish, and we ourselves live in confident expectation of outlasting the venerable company of bearded Huns opposite, whose death from peaceful old age should by 1930 at latest bring the campaign to a glorious and successful close. Are we down-learted?

8th BATTALION.

THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS.

Mr. William Plant, of 8, High Street, Sidcup, writes to the Editor of the "Kent Messenger" on a matter which will be of interest to the members and friends of the Signalling Section of the 8th West Kent Regiment, which was under Second Lieut. P. W. Plant, of Blackdown Camp. He says:—"My son, Second Lieut. P. W. Plant, has been reported 'wounded and missing' since September 26th, near Hulloch. Before he left for France he was in charge of the Signalling Section, 8th West Kents, and they (50) had a group photograph taken at Blackdown Camp. After they were in France the photos were sent on to me, and I believe that my son bad taken the names and addresses so that each could have one. Where that list of names and addresses may be is not known, but I should like the fellows, or (where they may be gone, poor chaps!) their people, to have these photographs. As I daresay many of their homes are in your district, would you mention in the "Kent Messenger' that any of them can have the photos by application to me, as I am sure it would be my son's wish that they should have them."

9th BATTALION.

During the last few weeks we have lost many old friends, having sent one large and two small drafts overseas. Those who reach Flanders should soon settle down, for they have had a splendid training in mud tactics and dodging the drops from a leaky roof since they came to Shoreham.

Eleven more officers have been sent out as reinforcements, namely, Lieut. Innocent, 2nd Lieuts. Mann, Ashton, Simes, Hogg, Newbold, Woodhouse, McCabe, Horley, Hammond and Wade, while Lieut. Dodd, 2nd Lieuts. Hewett, Johns, Champion and Hubble have all been transferred to the M.G. Corps.

SERGEANTS' MESS CONCERT.

On December 8th the Sergeants held their second concert, which proved a great success. Sergeant-Major McVicar took the chair, and seemed to be provided with a programme which would have lasted well into the next morning had he taken any notice of the appreciation shown by the audience, but he rigorously ruled out all encores with the aid of a corkscrew and a masterful call for the next performer.

The Chairman proposed the "Officers of the Battalion," and the Commanding Officer replied on their behalf. The second toast was that of "Our Comrades Overseas," to which Sergeant Duffield replied. One more toast was proposed at the last moment by the Assistant Adjutant, that of "The Chairman."

FOOTBALL.

2nd Lieut. Adams, of the Battalion, has now been appointed Hon-Secretary to the Brigade Association Football Club. Wednesday afternoons are now set aside for Inter-Battalion matches. So far the results have been well up to our expectations, but it is difficult to keep a team together when drafts are being found. The results so far have been:—

Played. Won. Lost. Drawn.

There are six Battalions in the Brigade.

REGIMENTAL CONCERT.

On the 20th December an excellent concert was given under the direction of Sergeant-Drummer Collins by the Regimental Orchestra and Pierrot Troupe. Mr. Weaver Innes and Mr. Noble also came to entertain us with conjuring and some lightning sketches. The following was the programme:—March, "Washington Post," Orchestra; chorus, "Are we all here? Yes!" Pierrot Troupe; song, "Marie my Girl," Arthur Robson; song, "Michegan," Isaac Robbins; monologue, "If we only," Tommy Pryor; song, "Paying the Toll," Lance-Corpl. Avard; song, "Mary," Cyril Ambler; song, "Why do they call me Archibald," Len Owen; exhibition of conjuring, Mr. Weaver Innes (of Hove); song, "Beautiful Baby Doll," Isaac Robbins; chorus, "The Army of To-day's All Right," Pierrot Troupe; intermezzo pappier, Orchestra; exhibition of lightning sketches, Mr. J. Noble (London); chorus, "Here we are again," Pierrot Troupe; song, "Uncle Tom Cobbleigh," Arthur Robson; song, "Isabelle," Len Owen; monologue, "Spottie," Tommy Prior; song, "There let me rest," Cyril Ambler; song, "Look Out, Mother," Isaac Robbins; final chorus, "All Under the Same Old Flag," Pierrot Troupe; "The King."

10th BATTALION.

Since our last information to the "Queen's Own Gazette" many changes have taken place, and we eventually find ourselves, after an ideal summer training, a trifle scattered in billets in Maidstone. We have two Companies with Headquarters and two billeted in the north end of Maidstone.

It seems very strange after being so united, but nevertheless although separated we do not fall. Our efficiency, training and co-operation for a determined future are still maintained in the high degree at which we commenced.

Our strength, too, is such that it makes us proud to march through our County Town, and I am sure it must be years since it contained a complete Battalion of the "Queen's Own."

The Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are undergoing week by week the various courses allotted to the Baftalion, and it is due to their eagerness and thoroughness in imparting the knowledge thus gained that the Battalion is rapidly gaining the standard of efficiency required in the modern arts of warfare.

We are at the present moment in the doctor's hands, and I am afraid there will be many aching limbs during the Christmas holidays. A large number of the Battalion are able to go on leave this Christmas, and we understand they mean to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Where shall we be next Christmas? I wonder!

However, our ambitions are gradually drawing nearer, as it is on the boards that we are moving to a "training centre" to join our Brigade early in the New Year.

It is now a few days to Christmas, and I desire to offer the Battalion's heartiest greetings of the period and a victorious New Year to the remaining Battalions of the "Queen's Own" and to inform them that we hope in the very near future to continue to uphold the name of the Regiment already gained in the present and past wars.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

After being fully occupied in training for the stern game which we hope soon to play (somewhere in Europe) the time arrived for a "Stand easy," and we took advantage of that to invite the members of the Depot to a farewell smoking concert, which duly took place in the Grammar School, Maidstone, on Wednesday, 15th December, 1915.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of C.Q.M.S. Dunstan, assisted by C.S.M. Miles, Staff Sergeants Packer and Turner, and Sergeant Wheeler, who carried out their duties in so efficient a manner that the thanks of the members are due to them for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

During the course of the evening we were honoured by the presence of the Commanding Officer and several Officers, who fraternised with us in the good old-fashioned Queen's Own way, a way which has done much to make the name of The Queen's Own echo and re-echo in all the spheres of the present world war.

It is this occasional intercourse on friendly terms of the Officers and Sergeants (so old an established custom in The Queen's Own) that makes us proud to follow our Officers anywhere, and they proud to lead us. If Kipling is right in saying "The backbone of the Army is the non-commissioned officer, then the Officer is its brain, and where brain and back-

bone work in harmony, only efficiency can result. Already our Battalions on active service have proved this, and we, their young brother, growing stronger and lustier day by day, hope soon to prove to the world that our old Mother Depot can still produce offspring that will maintain the traditions of our glorious Regiment.

To resume, the chair during the first part was taken by R Q.M.S. Manger, who ably carried out his duties till succeeded by C.S.M. Cozens.

R.S.M. Audsley gave an admirable speech at which all were delighted, and, in responding, C.S.M. Cozens said all that could be said neatly and effectively.

The Commanding Officer spoke a few words which drove home to the younger members the good feeling which exists between Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Queen's Own, and the function terminated at 10 p.m. with our grand old National Anthem.

As it was the season of colds, etc., great praise is due to the singers who contributed to the harmony of the evening for the hearty manner In which they sang, even if in some cases the tunes were, well, not as if Caruso had been singing. Never mind. If anyone shone it was certainly Lieut. C. W. R. Knight, whom the audience overwhelmed with applause.

The following was the programme:-Song, "All Waiting for a Girl," Sergt. Cheeseman; song, selected, Sergt. Harper; song, "Light o' Day," Sergeant Gray; song, selected, C.Q.M.S. Wood; song, "Long Live the King," R.Q.M.S. Manger; song, "Alfronson Spagoni," Sergeant Sims; toast, "Our Guests," C.S.M. Cozens; song, selected, R.Q.M.S. Morrison; song, "In These Hard Times," C.S.M. Simmons; song, "Never Mind," Sergt. Pony Moore; song, "The King's Own," Sergt. Hall; flute solo, selected Sergt. Harper; song, "Where My Caravan Has Rested," Sorgt. Carpenter; speciality, "Lightning Caricatures," Sergt. Cartiss; song, "The Other Department, Please!" C.S.M. Miles; song, "All Have a Drink with Me," R.Q.M.S. Giovanni; song, "Minon, Minette, Ninon," Lieut. Knight; toast, "Our Hosts," R.S.M. Audsley; song, selected (encored), C.Q.M.S. Wood; song, "Auld Lang Syne" (in vernacular), R.Q.M.S. Morrison, "God Song, the View of the Company of the View of the Company of the View of the Company of the View of son; "God Save the King."

10th and 11th BATTALIONS.

We understand these two Battalions have proceeded to Aldershot for Brigade and Divisional Training. There are rumours that a 12th Battalion is to be raised.

The Roan School for Girls, Greenwich.

We have to thank the Headmistress for kindly sending us "The Roan Girls' Gazette' for December, which contains the following items relating to the Regiment:-

'A West Kent soldier, wounded in the Dardanelles, received some of the clothing the School sent to the Matron at Cairo. He is now convalescing at the Lewisham Military Hospital, from which he wrote to Miss Walker. He has since called at the School to thank us."

"A New Zealander, who joined the Canterbury Regiment, was wounded at Gaba Tepe, and brought to a London Hospital. When he recovered he enlisted in the Royal West Kents, 8th Battalion, and when at the Front received one of the last parcels. getting a parcel from England." He writes to say how much he liked

Two Sergeants of the 8th Battalion enclosed in their letters some French embroidered cards, which Miss Walker has given to the youngest members of the Troops' Committee."

"A letter signed by representatives of the School has been sent to

Brigadier-General Martyn, thanking him and the Officers of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment for their gift of Fyler's History of the 50th, and a quaint picture of a private in the earliest uniform of the Regiment, taken from this History, has been copied by Ruth James, framed, and hung in the hall.'

A variety entertainment took place at the School on December 3rd, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Miss Walker's head-mistress-ship. "Between the items," Miss Walker writes, "girls from every class came up to me with trays or baskets loaded with sets of 20 gifts for the West Kents. All manner of the things we put into the men's parcels were there. I was more than surprised, because the School had lately sent me in money more than £20 for purchasing gifts. The packing was a great business, and the total result was 120 separate men's parcels, each well stocked. They have gone to Maidstone. At the end of the programme, and the other cheering over, we gave three cheers for the Royal West Kents. We did so appreciate the charming paragraph about us in The Queen's Own Gazette for November."

Forty-five Regimental badge brooches have been presented to the School by a former Officer of the Regiment, and one of these has been framed and hangs in the hall, with a suitable inscription underneath. The remainder are distributed amongst the mistresses and scholars, in accordance with a plan arranged by the Head Mistress.

NOTES.

Captain G. Elgood, Reserve of Officers, has been appointed a D.A.A.G. on the A.G.'s and Q.M.G.'s Staff.

Sergeant McWalter, 1st Battalion, has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion King's Own Royal Lancasters.

Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., from Brigade Major 145th Brigade, has been appointed General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, with the 46th Division.

Staff-Sergeant W. Dix, from unattached list, Indian Army (late Leicestershire Regiment) has been granted a commission in the Regiment.

Second Lieut. B. L. Blampied has been seconded for duty with the Motor Machine Gun Service.

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadet from the Royal Military College has been appointed to a Second Lieutenancy in the Regiment:-H. V.

We learn that we were in error when we stated that Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley has been given command of a Brigade; it appears he was only in temporary command of one for two or three weeks. We hope, however, that it is only an honour deferred.

Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B., has been appointed a Base Commandant, with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General. We understand

he is at Mudros.

The Camp at Halton Park, Tring, having been broken up, Lieut. and Adjutant W. Brown is now at Reading with the Foreign Garrison Battalions Depot.

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The undermentioned Warrant Officer from the 2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys) has been promoted Second Lieutenant in the Regiment for service in the field:-Squadron Sergeant-Major D. Cathcart.

The following are transferred from Reserve to Regular Battalions as Temporary Officers, with dates of seniority as shown:-Second Lieuts. J. J. Scott (November 28th, 1914), E. C. Field (January 9th, 1915), S. J. Need ham (January 25th, 1915).

Captain E. J. Hudson has been appointed Adjutant of No. 1 Infantry Base Depot, B.E.F., which is commanded by Colonel C. E. Harrison.

Captain C. F. Adams is serving as Staff Captain, 2nd Provisional Brigade, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Temporary Lieut. G. C. M. Miller, 9th Battalion, has been appointed

an Assistant Provost Marshal, and is transferred to the General List. * * * *

The following Supernumerary Captains in the Regular Battalions are absorbed in the establishment:-J. K. Kay, C. Newton, P. F. Wilberforce-*

Co. Sergeant-Major J. H. Selfe and Lance-Sergeant H. H. Wall have been granted commissions in the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment.

Captain R. Bazley-White took part in the action against the Sennussi on the Western Frontier of Egypt last month. *

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Captain C. R. Ingram has been promoted Major Supernumerary to the establishment.

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Major C. Bonham Carter, from General Staff Officer 2nd Grade, 50th Division, has been appointed General Staff Officer 1st Grade, 7th Division, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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Major R. Lynch White has been appointed Staff Captain, 55th Brigade, 18th Division.

NOTES-(Continued).

Major Sir H. B. Cohen, Bart., 3/4th Battalion, has been appointed an Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer.

Captain A. B. C. Francis, 6th Battalion, has relinquished his commis-

2nd Lieut. G. P. Burdett, 3rd Battalion, has been appointed Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular Battalions, Supernumerary to the Estab-

Co. Q.M.S. G. Bennett has been given a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Territorial Battalion.

Captain D. J. Johnston, 1st Battalion, has been appointed an Instructor at the Training Centre of the Machine Gun Corps and is seconded.

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The undermentioned Temporary 2nd Lieutenants from Reserve Battalions of the Buffs, East Kent Regiment, are transferred to Service Bat. talions of the Royal West Kent Regiment:-C. I. Barker, A. H. R. Bevan, J. A. Smith.

Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett has quitted the 3rd Battalion, and embarked for duty with the Salonika Force .

Captain W. V. Palmer is now convalescent, and hopes to be permitted to return to duty within the next two months.

Captain P. F. Wilberforce Bell, having recovered from his wound, has joined the 3rd Battalion for duty.

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Temporary 2nd Lieut. M. S. Ell, 8th Battalion, retires on retired pay, owing to his severe wounds.

CHRISTMAS FUND.

The following is the list of Christmas Comforts sent to the various Battalions:-

To the 1st Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 36 hams (weighing 425lbs.), and 120 Christmas puddings.

To the 2nd Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 36 hams, and 350lbs. of chocolate

To the 6th Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 36 hams, and 120 Christmas puddings.

To the 7th Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 40 hams, and 130 Christmas puddings.

To the 8th Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 33 hams, and 110 Christmas puddings

To the 2/4th Battalion-15,000 cigarettes, 27 hams and 350lbs. of chocolate.

To the Detachment of 300 men at Salonica-7,500 cigarettes, 12 hams, and 38 Christmas puddings.

To the Detachment of 150 men at Lemnos, attached to the Essex Regiment for garrison duty—3,500 cigarettes, 6 hams and 20 Christmas puddings.

In addition to the above, each Battalion in France has received 150lbs. of Kentish cobnuts, making altogether 600lbs.

Through the courtesy of the "Kent Messenger" we give extracts from some of the letters received by our contemporary from the contributors to their Shilling Fund :-

(1) "A slight token of the pride we all feel in their gallant and glorious record during the great war."

(2) "I have two sons serving in the Regiment, one in France with the 8th Battalion, so I feel it my duty to send this subscription. I would like to send more, but I am only a poor working man myself.

(3) "I enclose P.O.O. for your fund, as it is my dear husband's Regiment. He was killed in action on April 30th."

(4) "We are all proud of the gallant deeds they have done at the Front. The name of the West Kents will live for ever in the annals of history. They have done much for us. Shall we not do a little for them?"

(5) "Please accept ---- for our West Kents' Fund I wish I could do more. I served in the old 1st Battalion years ago and feel for them very much. My time with them was mostly in a hot country, and we had rough times in Egypt in 1882-3-4-5. But I am proud to look back to those days of heat and hardship and to have had the honour of serving with such a fine old Corps."

(6) "Please accept-enclosed for our brave West Kents for comforts, as my husband is one of them, and has been in France since April.'

(7) "It is a privilege to be permitted to do something for them."
(8) "I wish my pocket was as big as my heart."

(9) "I should like to give my mite to that worthy object."

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to pay their subscriptions for the current year to the Adjutant, Depot, Royal West Kent Regiment, Maidstone, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

SALONICA DETACHMENT.

The Detachment of 350 men of the Regiment, under Lieut. F. B. Le Cocq, which are attached to the 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, formed part of the gallant 10th Division in their retreat from Serbia into Greece.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Pte. W. Rowe, 4903, "A" Co., 6th Battalion, is officially reported missing since October, his last letter being dated October 4th. If any of his comrades in France could give information of him it will be gratefully received and acknowledged by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, of Dean Farm, Cuxton, Rochester.

No. 10690 Pte. J. J. Penfold, "A" Co., 8th Battalion, has been missing since September 26th. Any information regarding him will be thankfully received and acknowledged by his father, No. 695, Pte. J. J. Penfold, also of the 8th Battalion. Address: 13, Lock Road, Southwick,

Sussex.

Any information respecting No. 2853 Pte. F. Tamsitt, "B" Co., 8th Battalion, who was wounded on September 26th, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mrs. E. Tamsitt, 128, Green Street, Forest Gate, London, E.

CUTTINGS FROM "PUNCH."

In a tram-car in a Northern city, as the girl conductor went round for fares, a "nut" tried to take a rise out of her by asking for a ticket for Gallipoli. She charged him for the full length of the journey, and as soon as the tram arrived at a recruiting office she rang the bell and said "You change here, sir, for Gallipoli."

Extract from a letter written to a loved one from the Front:-"I received your dear little note in a sandbag. You say that you hope the sandbag stops a bullet. Well, to tell the truth, I hope it don't, as I've been patching my trousers with it."

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We regret to announce that from the 1st January next we shall be compelled to raise our terms of subscription, which will be as follows:-

Four shillings a year, including postage. Copies will be sold to N.C.O.'s and men serving, or who have served as such, at one penny per number. If sent by post, two shillings a year.

Extra copies or back numbers can generally be supplied. The price of back numbers will be as follows.—To N.C.O.'s and Men, Twopence. to others Sixpence. All subscriptions payable yearly in advance.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, Queen's Own Gazette, The Barracks, Maidstone. Copy for insertion should reach the Editor not later than the 25th of each month.

Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6/- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 3/- a year. Will others do the same, or rather at 4/-?

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death from wounds received in action of Brigadier-General H. G. Fitton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., who commanded the 2nd Battalion from August 19th, 1905, to August 18th, 1909. He was born in 1863, and entered the army in 1884, obtaining his first appointment in the Royal Berkshire Regiment. In 1902 he was transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and two years later to the Royal West Kent Regiment in the rank of Major, succeeding to the command of the 2nd Battalion in From 1894 to 1899 he was attached to the Egyptian Army and saw much active service, his first campaign being the Sudan Expedition, 1885, for which he received the medal with clasp and the bronze star. As D.A.A.G., Infantry Division, he was with the expedition to Dongola, 1896, and was wounded. He received the D.S.O. and the Egyptian medal with two clasps. In the Nile Expedition, 1897, he served as Staff Officer to the G.O.C. Flying Columns, and was present at Berber and Atbara River; he was mentioned in dispatches and awarded the 4th Class of the Medjidieh, as well as the clasp to the Egyptian medal. As D.A.A.G. he took part in the Battles of Atbara and Khartum, being again mentioned in dispatches and receiving the brevet of major, together with the medal and two clasps to the Egyptian medal. Brigadier-General Fitton also served in the South African War, and was present at the actions at Poplar Grove, Karee Siding, Vet River, Zand River, Johannesburg, and Pretoria; he was mentioned twice in dispatches, and received the brevet rank of lieutenant-colonel and both medals with five clasps. He had been A.D.C. to the King since 1907. The Army loses a keen and energetic officer, who at all times showed the greatest interest in the welfare of the troops under his command. His loss will be mourned by many who, not only looked to him as a leader, but also considered him a friend, ever ready with advice and encouragement.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of January :-

OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain W. G. Summers, 7th Battalion.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

and-Lieutenant H. L. Wheeler, 9th Buffs, attached 6th Battalion.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Commanding 2nd Bat-

Captain T. T. Waddington, 7th Battalion. Lieutenant D. Russell, 7th Battalion.

Lieutenant E. J. Innocent, 9th Battalion, attached 7th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant J. Cross, 3rd Battalion, attached 7th Bat-

Captain W. G. Summers was a member of the O.T.C., and at the outbreak of the war received a commission in the 7th Battalion. His sterling qualities, and the great regard he showed for the men under him much endeared him to all. He had a narrow escape a few days previous to his death on December 29th. One of his men was buried through the explosion of a shell, and while Captain Summers and others were digging him out, another shell fell close by. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

We append two tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalions with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer

was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

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The following are the names of N.C.O.'s and men which have appeared in the Casualty Lists from January 1st to 31st, 1916:—

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1st BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

7100 Pte. L. E. Butterworth. 4927 Pte. R. Burr.

4914 Pte. A Gittens.

53

DIED.

10223 Pte. J. Branch.

7182 L.-Corpl. H. Hewins

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

7652 Pte W. H. Goodwin. 10051 L. Corpl. E. A. King. 3710 Pte W. Chamberlain. 842 L. Corpl. W. Cooney. 848 Pte. E. Limmock.

4824 Pte. J. Gosden. 6796 Pte. W. Inglesden. 9212 Pte. A. Pallot. 9697 Corpl. A. G. Robinson. 7816 Pte. J. Walker.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

7906 Pte. H. Craycroft.

WOUNDED.

7543 Pte. F. Woodrew.

4691 Pte. T. Reynolds.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW NOT MISSING.

5417 Pte. G. Everist. 1179 Pte. J. Hurven.

9161 Pte. A. Harbour.

10630 Pte. M. Haworth.

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War
		FORM	MER LIST.		(7 + 1) mm(7)
17	405	1230	25	29	176
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19	419	1232	25	29	176
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	419	1231	25	16	176

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 1886.

2nd BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

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7361 Sergt. W. Wannell.

WOUNDED

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9540	Pte. F. Acott.	8985	Pte. W. Amess.
9790	Pte. J. Atkinson.		Pte J. Brightmore.
9450	LCorpl. W. Charman.	8694	Pte. J. Collins.
8984	LCorpl. G. Dabner.		LCorpl. A. Divall.
9844	L. Corpl. W. Elliott.		Pte. A. Gardner.
9060	Pte. W. Higgins.		Pte. C. Knight.
	Pte. G. Knevitt.		Pte. F. Lake.
	Pte. A. Mynheer.	8553	Pte. W. Nelson.
9369	Pte. C. Pepper.		Corpl. G. Phillips.
10323	Pte. C. Purcell.	9510	Pte. H. Rogers.
8964	Pte. E. Sheppard.		Pte. M. Shuter.
9269	Pte. F. Smithers.	9345	Pte L. Thomas

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	-Killed.	Wounded. 24	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War
9 /	54	98	FORMER LIST.	_	
9	57	122			

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 188.

2/4th BATTALION.

PRESENT LIST.

Nil.

FORMER LISTS.

Died. Killed. Wounded and Misssing. Missing. Prisoners of War

7 27 92 — — — —

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 126.

6th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

8059	Pte. F. A. Wicken. Sergt. F. Smith. Pte. A. Medhurst.	3015	Pte.	S.	Sheldon. Wickens. Birch.
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	V	OUNDED.
38 9 58 54 2 50	67 LSergt, H. Camell. 09 Pte, H. Stevens. 10 Pte, A. Collison. 14 Pte, H. Elliott. 185 Pte, P. Gillam. 187 Pte, C. Herbert. 19 Pte, W. Munn. 192 Pte, E. Bussey.	6402 LCorpl. B. S. D. Minter. 519 Pte. E. Thurman. 694 Pte. W. Ward. 433 Pte. W. Flemming. 200 Pte. A. C. Harris. 8105 Pte. T. Roberts. 84 Sergt H. Ward. 5558 Pte. W. Wilson.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED, NOW KILLED.

646 Pte. T. H. Barrett.

PRESENT LIST.

		Died.	Kiiled,	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Misssiug.	Prisoner of War.
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			F	DRMER LI	STS		
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Deduct	••	-	-	·	2-	1	-
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		-	98	283	3	23	-

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 407.

7th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

2349 Pte. H. Sheppard. 1457 Pte. A. E. Hosteller, 882 Sergt. W. Worsfold. 1767 Pte. T. Welch.

WOUNDED.

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2286	Pte. J. Hoadley.	1522	LCorpl. A. Janman.
2300	L -Corpl. A. Jarrett.	1535	
5280	Pte. J. King.	88	Pte M. Moore.
1296	Sergt, G. Brewer.		LCorpl. S. Tapp.
2389	Pte. R. Collins.	2349	LCorpl. T. Wicken.
1520	LCorpl. C. Coomber.	1579	Pte T. Homewood.
1515	Corpl. W. Coomber.	2224	Pte. P. J. Ford.
£287	Pte W Cromie.	1591	Pte. H. Savage.
2396	Pte E Farmer.	9183	Pte. A Smith.
2049	Sergt G. Green.	1106	Pte. A. Steward.
606	Pte. H. Harwood.	1540	Pte. C. Barden.
1993	Corpl R. Hillyard.		

PRESENT LIST.

Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War.
		FORME	R LIST.		No.
2	20	37	A DEFINITION		1
2	24	60			

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 86.

8th BATTALION.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED

2589 L.-Corpl T. French.

2889 L.-Corpl. G. Streeter.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING NOW DIED OF WOUNDS

5382 Pte. B. Bolton.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW DIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

2554 Pte. C. Cook. 787 Pte H. Flood. 2502 Pte W. A. Willoughby. G/5471 Pte. R. Sutton. G/3133 Pte. R H. W. Durant.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED NOW PRISONERS OF WAR.

2784 Pte. T. Colson. 3431 L.-Sergt. F. Eldridge. 4200 Pte. W. James.

PRESENT LIST.

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	Died.	Killed.	Wounded.	Wounded and Missing.	Missing.	Prisoners of War
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Deduct	-	3	21	1	7	
	5	48	289	63	178	3
	Tot	al all cas	ualties amo	ongst N.C.O.'s and M	en, 586.	

NEUVE CHAPELLE,

OCTOBER 28TH, 1914.

By the courtesy of the Artist and of the Editor of the "South Eastern Gazette," we are enabled to produce a photograph of the painting by Mr. Frank Hyde, of the 1st Battalion at Neuve Chapelle on October 28th, 1914. We feel we cannot do better than print the description of the picture as given in the "South Eastern Gazette."



1st ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT AT NEUVE CHAPELLE-October 28th, 1914.

Photo by]

PAINTED BY MR. FRANK HYDE.

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As stated in an article in another column the figures are actual portraits. The central figure is Lieut. H. B. White, D.S.O. On the left is seen Pte. Lovell, who is awaiting the right moment to bayonet the German laying about him with his rifle, and also Lee.-Corpl. Kempster, minus his tunic and with his arm in a sling. Kempster had been hit in the arm by a bullet, but again rushed into the fight after his wound had been temporarily attended to, and one-handed was able to do execution with the bayonet. Just behind, and to the right of Lieut. White, Pte. Grier is seen falling with a wound in the head. The first of the three men rushing forward with their officer is Pte. Chester, the other Pte. Haley, and

Salonika Detachment attached 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

KILLED IN ACTION.

L/10721 Fte. S. W. Frissenden.

S/747 Pte. H. Smith.

WOUNDED.

G/6147	Pte. H. C. Baker.	G/4713 Ft	e. L. Balchin.
G-/337	Pta, F. Beal.	G/7122 Pt	e. F. W. Botcherby.
L/6162	CoSergtMaj. A. Bristow.	G/6618 Pt	e. J. W. Cleeves
L/8308	LCorpl. W. Deering.	G/4012 Pt	e. A. Pearson.
L/10225	Pte. S. Thompsett.	L9801 Act	grCorpl. A. D. Trail
G/6365	Pte. F. Walsh.		

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

G/5771 Pte. T. J. Barrett G/6855 Pte. F. Fisk.

MISSING.

G/674 Pte. W. Collins.

PRESENT LIST.

Died	Killed.	Wounded.	and Missing. Wounded	Missing.	of War, Prisoners.
_	2	11	2	1	- I lisoners.

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men .. 16.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and man are reported as Prisoners o War, no Battalion being specified:—

6489 Sergt. E. W. Turner,

7481 Pte. J. Tylor.

N.B. "Killed in Action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded includes "Suffering foom Gas Poisoning."

----OUR WOUNDED.

The Convalescent wounded in Barracks still continue to be recipients of many kind attentions. Mrs. Blois Turner is continually entertaining them to tea and arranging outings to entertainments and other places.

On January 13th three men were entertained at the Howard de Walden Hospital, where a concert and tea were given by the artistes of the Palace Theatre, under Mr. Vincent.

On January 15th 60 men were given free seats at the Palace Theatre.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

have been sent to the Battalions at the Front as specified:-Dec. 30th—One box, containing 252 cakes soap (1st Battalion).
Dec. 30th—One box, containing 21 packets note paper, 7 boxes envelopes

(1st Battalion).

Jan. 8th-500 candles, 20lbs. curry powder (1st Battalion). The 2/4th Battalion a cknowledge receipt of the nine bales of woollen goods sent them on November 8th and December 8th. Also Colonel Simpson reported that the 2/4th received the chocolate and hams sent to them at Christmas, also the 42 bundles from the Roan School, despatched on the 15th December.

Jan. 8th—500 cundles, 20lbs, curry powder (6th Battalion).

This Battalion acknowledge receipt of the last consignment of note

paper, also the waterproof bread bags.

Jan. 8th—500 candles, 20lbs. curry powder (7th Battalion).

This Battalion acknowledges receipt of all goods previously sent them. Jan. 8th-500 candles, 201bs. curry powder (8th Battalion).

All goods sent have been acknowledged, except 100 towels, sent on

20th December.

Mrs. Bagnall

Major Beeching desires us to express the thanks of all ranks of the 6th Battalion to all who contributed to the Fund for Christmas cheer.

GIFTS IN KIND.

Have been received from the following

Miss Grover.	Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford.
Mrs. Brock,	Mrs. Kitson,
Miss Hills,	Miss Johnston and friend.
Mr. F. Thomas,	Mrs. Leonard Lees.
Miss Corder,	Miss Mann,
Mrs. Apperly,	Mrs. G. L. Evans,
Mrs. Barrow,	Mrs. Stewart Buckle,
Mrs. Rowsell,	Mrs. Guy Keenlyside,
Miss Norrington,	Mrs. F W. Burbury,
Mrs. Norris,	Mrs. Isacke,
Mrs. Green,	Mrs. D. Forestier Walker.
Mrs. Brock Hollinshead,	Mrs. Nunn,
The Chairman, Herne Bay U.D.	Mrs. Cragg,
Council.	Mrs. W. Wigan.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Sixteenth List of Donations received up to January 31st, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

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Previously acknowledged	3371	13	3
Jan. 1st-Mr. F. Thomas	0	4	0
Jan. 1st-Sir Hugo FitzHerbert, Bart	1	0	0
Jan. 9th-Mrs. Allan (per Mrs. Worskett)	0	5	0
Jan. 9th-Mr. Chattell (per Mrs. Worskett)		2	
Jan. 10th—Mrs. Yates	1	0	0
Jan. 10th—Mrs. Green	1	1	0
Jan. 11th-Lieut. and Q.M. F. A. Cover	0	15	0
Jan. 10th-Alec Lees, Esq., R.W.K. Regiment	10	0	0
Jan. 13th-Mrs. Vansittart	0	10	0
Jan. 13th—Mrs. Hough	0	10	0
Jan. 13th-Major C. H. Stigand (2nd donation)	1	6	0
Jan. 25th-Mrs. Ryall (4th donation)	0	12	9
Jan. 25th—Miss Donnelly	0	5	0
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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Owing to an error in the "London Gazette," the following names were shown in our last issue under 8th Battalion:-Temporary 2nd Lieutenant J. Vaughan; 1838 Lance-Corporal J. Buzzard.

These names should be removed, as they belong to the 8th Battalion The Buffs.

The following officers of the Regiment have been mentioned in despatches by the Commander-in-Chief, M.E.F.:

Lieut.-Cclonel and Hon. Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Commanding 2/4th Battalion.

Major (Temporary Lieut -Colonel) R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O., ard mention.

Colonel (Temporary Brig.-General) W. G. B. Western, C.B., since promoted to Major-General.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.

The "London Gazette" for January 21st contains descriptions of "the acts of gallantry and devotion to duty," which have earned the D.C.M., and includes the following N.C.O.'s and men of the 2nd Battalion :-

6460 Lance-Sergeant J. Edwards. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Nasiriyah (Mesopotania) on July 24th 1915, in leading his command under heavy fire at a critical period of the attack on "Tower M." thereby greatly facilitating the capture of the place.

8840 Corporal T. Bax. For gallant conduct and ability during the capture

of Amara (Mesopotania) from May 31st to June 3rd, 1915, and at the action of Kut-Al-Amara on 27th, 28th, and 29th September, 1915, whilst employed on the machine guns of H.M.S. Cornet. He did invaluable work under most exceptional circumstances, and behaved with great coolness under heavy shell and rifle fire.

9459 Private A. H. Mires. For conspicuous gallantry at Kut-Al-Amara (Mesopotania), on September 28th, 1915. With another private he carried forward and worked his gun under a very heavy fire within 300 yards of the enemy's strong redoubt, thereby materially assisting in the capture of the

work.

9103 Private R. H. J. Pannett. For gallant conduct and ability during the capture of Amara (Mesopotania) from May 31st to June 3rd, 1915, and at the action of Kut-al-Amara on the 27th, 28th, and 29th September, 1915, whilst employed on the machine guns of H.M.S. Cornet. He did invaluable work under most exceptional circumstances, and behaved with great coolness under heavy shell and rifle fire.

9218 Private G. A. Rutherford. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Nasiriyah (Mesopotania) on July 24th, 1915. Although himself wounded, assisted under heavy fire a dangerously wounded officer, and had him conveyed to the dressing station.

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REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

We much regret that, owing to an oversight, the names of the undermentioned N.C.O. and man were omitted from the list which appeared in our last issue under the above heading: They have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

178 Acting Corporal R. N. Killick, 6th Battalion.

5793 Private T. Cork, 1st Battalion.

The latter, it will be remembered, has also received the Médaille Militaire from the French Government.

Also the name of Major J. R. Earl Stanhope, 4th Battalion (Captain Reserve of Officers late Grenadier Guards) who has been awarded the Military Cross.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. L. Spoor, Rede Court, Rochester, who is doing so much for them, we are enabled to give a further list of our Prisoners of War. There are 249 in this list. The Battalions to which former issues.

10079 Pte. Allen, J., Parchim. 1002 Pte. Ashton, J., Doeberitz. 9743 Pte. Arnold J., Sennolager. 7953 Pte. Allen, J., Gottingen. 7957 Pte. Ambrose, A., Doeberitz. 6535 Pte. Cole, J., Spandau. 10056 Pte. Curtis, J., Gottingen. 7350 Pte. Dodd, J., Gottingen. 7789 Ptc. Harrison, G. Quedlinburg, 10016 Lc.-Corpl. Jobson J. Dalmen I.W. Pte. Johnson, G., Munster, I.W. 9859 Pte. Johnson, G., Munster, I.W.
9723 Pte Jupp, J., Quedlinburg.
6686 Pte. Johnson, G. Wahn
10017 Pte. Jackson T., Quedlinburg
9674 Pte. Kensitt, F., Doeberitz.
8742 Lc.-Corpl. Kichen, W., Doeberitz.
9755 Lc.-Corpl. King, T., Doeberitz.
2886 Lc.-Corpl. Keep, W., Dulmen, I.W.
8931 Pte. Kent, H., Wahn
7139 Pte. Lovell, C., Friedrichsfeld.
6499 Pte. Little, W., Wahn. Pte Donovan, J., Gottingen.
Pte Donovan, J., Gottingen.
Pte. Dinsdale, J., Dulmen, I.W.
Pte. Donaldson, H., Wahn.
Pte. Donald, C., Quedlinburg.
Pte. Dow, T., Doeberti. Sergt. Blackeby, G., Merseberg. Sergt. Blackedy, G., Alciseberg.
Lance/Corpl. Bresnaban, D., Limburg
Pte. Baker, R., Salzwedel.
Corpl. Brown, E., Wahn.
Pte. Bishop, T., Doeberitz.
Pte. Bashford, A., Doeberitz.
Pte. Bullard, H., Minster, I.W. 7287 Pte. Etherington, A., Doeberitz.
7855 Lc.-Corpl. Ely, G., Gottingen.
9881 Pte. Egan, D., Doeberitz.
7712 Lc.-Corpl. Farbridge, H., Dulmen, I.W.
10150 Pte. Fitzgerald R., Quedlinburg.
5879 Pte. Foster. J., Munster, I.W.
9379 Drummer Fife, H., Cassel.
6724 Sergt. Fermor, W., Walin.
10090 Sergt Field, A., Wahn
9284 Pte. Friend, A., Wahn
9284 Pte. Friend, A., Wahn
8006 Pte. Fletcher, H., Wohlde.
8173 Pte. Goldsmith, J., Doeberitz.
6729 Pte. Grady, J., Doeberitz. Pte. Etherington, A., Doeberitz. Pte Lovell, C., Friedrichsfeld.

Pte. Little, W., Wahn.

Pte. Long, W., Doeberitz.

Pte. Longhurst, W., Wahn.

Pte. Langdridge W., Wahn.

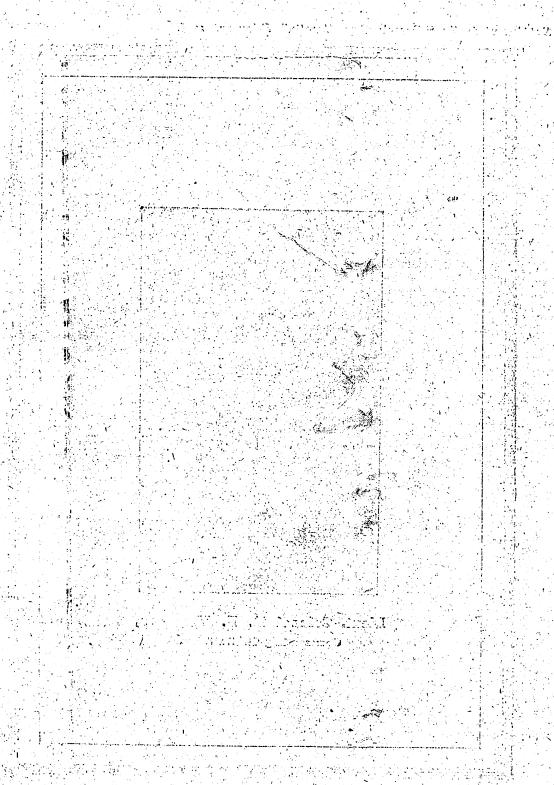
Pte. Ludlow, W., Wahn.

Pte. Murphy, T., Ohrdruf.

Pte. McCarthy, J., Doeberitz.

Pte. Marchant, W., Sennelager.

Le Courl, Mercer, R. Cassel. Pte. Bristowe, H., Munster, I.W.
Pts. Brockwell F, Walm.
Le-Corpl Bellfield, H., Wahn. Pte. Bourne, W., Wahn. Pte. Baldwin, H., Wahn. Pte. Baldwin, H., Wahn.
Corpl. Bull, T., Sennalager.
Pte. Baldwin, J., Wittenberg.
Pte. Bramble, P., Wahn.
Pte. Balley, A., Friedrichsfelt.
Pte. Bridger, W., Wahn.
Pte. Coveney, H., Dulmen.
Pte. Cook, B., Doeberitz.
Pte. Cox, J., Doeberitz.
Pte. Carden, W., Doeberitz.
Pte. Collins, J., Sennalager.
Corpl. Cole, W., Wahn.
Pte. Claxton, H., Wahn.
Pte. Cridland, W., Wahn.
Pte. Coxhead, H., Wahn.
Pte. Clark, H., Wahn.
Pte. Clark, H., Wahn.
Pte. Cooksey, H., Wahn.
Pte. Cooksey, H., Wahn.
Sergt. *Chapman, H., Wahn. Lc.-Corpl. Mercer, F., Cassel. Pte. Grady, J., Doeberitz. Pte. Graham, A., Gottingen. Pte. Hopkins, M., Doeberitz. Pte. Miles, W., Gottingen. Ptc. Mantell, R., Wittenberg. Pte. Mantell, R., Wittenberg Pte. Moorly, J., Wahn. Pte. Moody, A., Glessen. Pte. F. Marsh, Doeberitz. Pte. Newland, J., Doeberitz. Pte. Newman, P., Gottingen. Pte. Needham, W., Merseberg. Pte. Hemmings, J., Doeberitz. Pte. Homewood, G., Doeberitz. Pte. Hilton, H., Doeberitz. Pte. Hunt, T., Doeberitz. Pte. Hunt, T., Doeberitz.
Pte. Hayward, F., Gottingen.
Pte. Harris, W., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Hart, J., Gottingen.
Pte. Handyside, H., Wahn.
Pte. Organ, J., Wahn.
Pte. Pryer, J., Doeberitz.
Pte. Price, A., Doeberitz. Pte. North, G., Dulmen, I.W. Pte. Savage, A., Gottingen. Pte. Smith, E., Dulmen, I.W. Pte. Clark, H., Wahn
Pte. Cooksey, H., Wahn
Sergt. *Chapman, H., Wahn
Pte. Christie, W., Wahn
Pte. Cousins. E., Doeberitz.
Lc. Corpl. Clarke, A., Wahn
Pte. Collins. A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Abbot, A., Friedrichsfeld.
Pte. Ayrton, J., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Brown, W., Sennelager
Pte. Burgess, A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Bassett, F., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Bassett, F., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Colson, T., Wesel.
Pte. Ediridge, E., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Gallop, W., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Gallop, W., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Gallop, W., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Hill, G., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Hill, G., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Hicks, G., Munster, I.W. Lc.-Corpl. Spreadborough, C., Wahn. Pte Samuels, G., Wahn.
Pte. Standen, W., Wahn.
Pte. Stenden, W., Wahn.
Pte. Sullivan, J., Limburg.
Pte. Scott, E., Wahn.
Pte. Spicer, J., Konigsmoor. Pte. Pryer, T., Doeberitz. Corpl. Peill, E., Doeberitz. Corpl. Peill, E., Doeberitz.
Pte. Pay, P., Doeberitz.
Pte. Pearson, J., Cassel.
Pte. Perkins, A., Ohrdruf.
Pte. Parr, H., Gottiugen
Pte. Pryer, F., Wahn.
Pte. Pike, J., Friedrichsfeld.
Pte. Pitfield, F., Oesterterp.
Pte. Packer, F., Quedlinburg.
Corpl. Price, A., Wahn. Lc.-Corpl. Stanton, T., Doeberitz. Pte. Sipthorpe, W., Wahn. Pte. Thompson, A., Quedlinburg. Pte. Thomas, G., Doeberitz.
Pte. Trice, W., Sennelager.
Pte. Townes, A., Dulmen I.W.
Pte. Thomas, F., Doeberitz.
Pte. Tucker, A., Wahn.
Sergt. Turner, E., Hameln.
Pte. Tyler, J., Hesepe. Corpl. Price, A., Wahn. Pte. Packman, J., Minden, I.W. 5698 Pte. Pope, H., Friedrichsfeld. 8730 Lc.-Corpl. Quinn, H., Doeberitz. 9932 Pte. Russell, E., Doeberitz. Pte. Wallis, F., Doeneritz. Pte. Warner, R., Friedrichsfeld. Pte. Rowe, J., Doeberitz. Pte. Rigby, E., Wahn. Pte. Riley, W., Doeberitz. Pte. Whitehead, J., Doeberitz.
Pte. West, J., Doeberitz.
Pte. Worsell, J., Doeberitz.
Pte. Webb, G., Doeberitz.
Lc.-Corpl. Woolhead, J., Dulmen, I.W. Pte. Hicks, G., Munster, I.W. Pte. Hills, E., Munster, I.W. Pte. Hope, J., Munster, I.W. Sergt. Reeves, G., Gottingen. Pte. Hope, J., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Harmsworth, A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. James, W., Munster, I.W.
Sergt. Kite, W. Munster, I.W.
Pte. Martin, A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. May, B., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Owen, R., Munster, I.W. Pte. Stewart J., Quedlinburg. Sergt. Sterry, J., Ohrdruf. Pte. Stribling, B., Friedrichsfeld. Pte. Seager, R., Docberitz. Lc.-Corpl. Smith, H., Sennelager. Pte. Williams, H., Dulmen, I.W. Pte. Wallace, H., Munster, I.W. Pte. Watkins, J., Wahn. Pte. Wells, H., Wahn. Sergt. Sewell, H., Gottingen. Pte. Waghorne, A., Soltau. Pte. Warner, C., Quedlinburg. Corpl. Strong, J., Dulmen, I.W. Lc.-Corpl. Shepperd, A., Gottingen. Pte. Smith, A., Dulmen, I.W. Lc.-Corpl. Payne, W., Munster, I.W. Lc.-Corpl. Payne, W., Munster, I. Pte. Purcell, Munster, I.W. Pte. Penny, A., Verden. Pte. Smith, W., Sennelager. Pte. Shillito, T., Munster, I.W. Sergt. Scrace, A., Munster, I.W. Pte. Swan, E., Munster, I.W. Pte. Syan, E., Munster, I.W. Pte. States, E. Munster, I.W. Pte. States, E. Munster, I.W. Pte. Wilkins, J., Wahn. Sergt, Bailey, F., Coln.
Pte. Bell, W., Coln.
Lc.-Corpl. Casey, V., Soltau.
Pte. Cadge, H., Dulmen, I.W.
Pte. Gill, A., Germersheim. Pte. Woodcock, R., Friedrichsfeld. Pte. Woodcock. R., Friedrichsfeld.
Pte. Bennett C., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Chapman, C., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Cook, C., Limburg Lahn
Pte. Longhurst, R., Wesel.
Pte. Pugh, A., Limburg Lahn
Pte. Tolfrey, A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Whitelock, G., Germersheim. Pte. Gregory, F., Stendal. Pte. Stokes, E., Munster, I.W. Pte. Stokes, E., Munster, I.W. Pte. Symonds, W., Munster, I.W. Pte. Taylor, F., Coln. Pte. Tree, T., Munster, I.W. Pte. Weddell, R., Munster, I.W. Pte. Wilson, J., Munster, I.W. Pte. Webb, J., Munster, I.W. Sergt. Harding, J., Coln. Pte. Hopson, R., Coln.
Pte. Kitt, T., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Lee, J., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Mason, T., Friedrichsfeld.
Pte. Nicholls, H., Coln. Pte. Reid, A., Friedrichsfeld. Pte. Grosart, A., Munster, I.W. Pte. Grosart, A., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Blundell, A., Ebenberg-L.
Pte. Bowles, F., Dulmen, I.W.
Lc.-Corpl. Cooper, N., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Darville, T., Ingolstadt.
Pte. Evenitt G., Wesel.
Pte. Fidler, R., Celle.
Pte. High P. Blenbarg I. Pte. Parker, H., Munster, I.W. Pte. Hay, W., Munster, I.W. 7899 Pte. Hay, W., Munster, I.W.
9911 Corpl. Harrison, W., Erfurt.
8024 C.S.M. Hutchings., A., Friedrichsfeld.
8116 Pte. Harrison, J., Gardelegen.
6799 Pte. Haigh, F., Friedrichsfeld.
7962 Pte. Higgens, A., Dulmeni, I.W.
8371 Pte. Hall, W., Cassel.
5324 Lc Corpl. Harden, R., Deberitz. Lc.-Corpl. Pullen, F., Munster, I.W. Pte. Martin, G., Munich. Pte. Roberts, G., Munster, I.W.
Pte. King, C., Soltau.
Lc.-Sergt. Roach, H., Munster, I.W.
Pte. Savage, J., Coln.
Pte. Taylor, S., Munster, I.W. o303 Pte. Filler, R., Celle.
Pte. Jiles, B., Ebenberg-L.
Lc.-Corpl. Nichols, N., Munster, I.W.
Lc.-Corpl. Wood, E., Neuberg a/Donau.
Pte. Merriman, A., Wesel.





Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Venables, Commanding 6th Battalion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Venables, who has just given up command of the 6th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel J.

D. Laurie, Commanding 3/4th Battalion.

Through an error on the part of the printer, the numbering of the pages of the October, November, and December issues of this paper is incorrect. The last page of the October issue should be 3402, the November pages should run from 3403 to 3416, and the December pages from 3417 to 3430.

We must also apologize for the delay in the publication of the December and January numbers, which was due to extreme

shortage of printers in the publishing offices.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

General Martyn arrived in England on January 25th, having been invalided from Salonika. He is progressing favourably towards recovery.

LIEUT.-COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY.

We are glad to be able to state that Lieut.-Colonel Pedley's wound is not of a very serious nature, a wire having been received by his relatives to that effect.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. W. O'DOWDA.

We understand that Lieut .- Colonel O'Dowda, who was promoted from the Regiment to the command of the 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, is now commanding a Brigade in the 29th Division, which is in Egypt.

IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to hear of the death of Staff-Sergeant John Stroud, of 22, We regret to hear of the death of Stail-Sergeant John Stroud, of 22, Fisher Street, Maidstone, which occurred on Monday morning at the West Kent Hospital after a brief illness. The deceased had spent almost a life-time in the medical services in the Army, and was especially well known and respected at the Depot. On leaving the service he became a dispenser with Dr. Cæsar, and soon after the outbreak of the war took up duties as a compounder at the Milton Barracks, Gravesend, being afterwards transferred to Maidstone in the same capacity. Staff-Sergt. Stroud had an enviable military career. He had been three times altogether in the Army, and had the remarkable service record of 44 years. the South African War he was recalled, and served through that campaign. When the present war broke out he was called up again. He has five sons in the services, and also leaves a widow, with whom much sympathy is felt.

With regret we also announce the death of 2nd Lieut. H. T. Thornton, 5th Battalion, at Beckenham, aged 33. He obtained his commission on January 14th. He was previously Orderly Room Corporal in the 1/5th, and on their departure for India he was promoted O.R. Sergeant in the 2/5th, which position he held until posted to 3/5th at Bromley. His loss

will be greatly felt.

ADVENTURES OF A DESPATCH RIDER.

Our attention has been drawn to a very readable book with the above title by Captain W. H. L. Watson (Blackwood & Sons, price 5/-), from which we take the following extracts:

"At midnight I took my first despatch. It was a dark starless night; very misty on the road. From the brigade I was sent on to an ambulance-an unpleasant ride, because apart from the wind and darkness, I was stopped every few yards by sentries of the West Kents, a regiment which has now (1915) about the best reputation of any Battalion out

"Jones rode off, taking the road by La Chevrie Farm. Beyond the farm the Germans sniped him unmercifully, but (so he told me) he got well down on the tank and rode 'all out' until he came to the firing line just South West of the farm to the North of Chevrie. Major Buckle came out of his ditch to see what was wanted. The rifle fire seemed to increase. The air was buzzing, and just in front of his bicycle multitudinous little spurts of dust flicked the road. It was distinctly unpleasant, and, as Major Buckle persisted in standing in the middle of the road instead of taking the despatch rider into his ditch with him, the despatch rider had to stand there, too, horribly frightened The Major said it was impossible to go further. There was only a troop of cavalry, taking careful cover, at the farm in front, and 'My God, man, you're under machine-gun fire.' So that's what it is murniured the despatch rider to himself not greatly cheered. He saw he could not get to any vantage point by that road, and it seemed best to get back at once. He absolutely streaked along back to D.H.Q. stopping on the way, very much against his will, to deliver a message from Major Buckle to the Duke of Wellington's who were in support.'

This was on September 8th, 1914.

ORDER OF THE NILE.

Captain R. Bazley White, Bimbashi, Egyptian Army, has been awarded the order of the Nile, Second Class, by H. H. the Khedive of Egypt for his good services at Salloum. The Egyptian Government have lent him to the British Government and he is now acting as General Staff Officer, 3rd grade. He has seen a good deal of fighting against the Senussi Arabs, with whom are several Turkish and German Officers.

Subscriptions Paid to "Q.O.G.," January, 1916.

L. Collins, to December, 1916. 10th R.W.K., to December, 1915. Mrs. G. Maunsell, to December, 1916.
Detachment 3rd R.W.K., to December, 1915.
Mrs. R. E. Nicholas, to December, 1916.
Colonel Buchanan-Dunlop to December, 1916.
Mrs. P. C. Kevan, to December, 1916.
Mrs. P. C. Kevan, to December, 1916.
Mrs. Harvey, to December, 1916.
W. Snell, to December, 1916.
H. Wain, to December, 1916.
C. Maynard, to December, 1916.
Miss R. Chaffey to December, 1916.
J. D. Dinwiddy, to December, 1916.
Brig. Surg. Owen Owen, to December, 1916. Mrs. G. Maunsell, to December, 1916. Brig. Surg. Owen Owen, to December, 1916. Brig. Gen. E. A. Grove C.B., to Dec., 1916. 2nd Lieut. A. Lees, to December, 1916. Sergt. W. F. Fowler, to December, 1915. Sergt.-Major J. Smith, to December, 1916. Henry Spencer, to December, 1916. Lieut. Cover, to December, 1916. Miss Eldred, to December 1916. Mrs. H. Milner to December, 1916. Mrs. A. Tapsell, to December, 1916.

Mrs. A. Colyer, to December, 1916 Co. Q.M.S. R. Page, to December, 1916. Mrs. A. M. Ross, to August, 1917. Co. S.M. A. G. Wood, to December, 1916. J. A. Druce, to December, 1916. A. Bellingham, to December, 1916. Miss E. H. A. Churchill, to December, 1916. Major Stigand, to December, 1916. Major Stagand, to December, 1916.

Captain W. J. Goss, to December, 1916.

Major Sir H. B. Cohen, Bart., to Dec., 1916.

Mrs. F. Wise, to December, 1916.

Pte. Pannett, to December, 1916.

J. Hopper, to December, 1916.

W. M. Collins, to December, 1916.

Mrs. V. Y. Hibbert, to December, 1916. Mrs. S. Yews, to December, 1916. Mrs. S. Yews, to December, 1916.
Mrs. Donnelly, to December, 1916.
Lieut.-Col. T. W. Fiennes, to December, 1920
Miss W. Eccles, to December, 1916.
Co. Sergt.-Major G. W. Carpenter, Co. Q.M.S.
T. Latter, Sergt. A. N. Cleaver, LanceCorpl. C. Long, Pte. E. Banks, and Pte. H.
R. Breething, 1/4th Batt., to Dec., 1916. Lieut.-Col. Pedley, donation from 2nd Battalion, £10. G. Whitehead, to December, 1916. Mrs. Burrell, to June, 1916. Q.M.S. Baker, to December, 1916. Col. Satterthwaite, C.B., to December, 1916. Sergt-Major Osborne, to December, 1916. Lieut. H. B. White, D.S.O., to Dec., Colonel T. H. Brock, to December, 1916. Sergt.-Major W. H. Noller to December, 1916. Mrs. H. S. Bush, to December, 1916. Major J. G. Smith, to December, 1916. Maurice f.ees. to December, 1916 W. Lindley Jones, to December, 1916. Capt. W. L. Lewin, to December, 1916. The Rev. the Hon. T. W. Fiennes, to Dec. 1916.

Miss Richards, to December, 1916. Brig-Gen. F. F. Johnson, C.B., to Dec., 1918. J. Malone, to December, 1916. Major E. W. Brown to December, 1916 Mrs. Poland, to December, 1916

The following description of Mr. Hyde's picture is taken from the "South Eastern Gazette," to whom our thanks are due:—

A BATTLE EPIC IN OILS.

THE ROYAL WEST KENTS AT NEUVE CHAPELLE. HISTORICAL PICTURE PAINTED AT MAIDSTONE.

In war as now revealed to us great battles are made up of encounters between units of the opposing forces scattered over a wide area, or posted along a far-reaching front. Although it is the day of vast armies, the shock of these coming into contact en masse is altogether lacking. This, at any rate, has been the case so far in the present gigantic war, and it seems likely to be the case till the end.

The fighting between the Allies and the forces of Germany in Belgium and France has been prolific of illustrations of the accuracy of the foregoing generalization, and the battle of Neuve Chapelle, which was a bloody incident in the first desperate attempt of the Germans to capture Calais, is one of them. The fighting in the neighbourhood of the village named began on October 23rd, 1914, and continued till October 29th, when the German attack died away. It was resumed a few days later, when the Prussian Guards arrived to reinforce the enemy, already in greatly superior numbers, but the result was the same as before. Even the Prussian Guards were unable to overcome the comparatively thin line of the heroic sons of England opposed to them, being themselves practically annihilated in the woods near Ypres.

Neuve Chapelle is a name that will shine for all time in the pages of military history, and the 1st Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) in particular will be honoured by the whole British race in connection with it. For it was the West Kents who saved the situation.

The fighting, as already stated, began on October 23rd and ended on October 29th. The nature of it in that part of the British line held by the Kent men may be judged from the fact that twelve out of the fourteen officers present were placed hors de combat, while in N.C.O.'s and men the regiment lost some 300 in killed, wounded, and missing. The climax of the fight, of which we were able to publish the full story from narratives written by Major Tulloch and Captain Moulton-Barrett in our issue of November 24th, 1914, was reached on October 28th. Then, in the words of Lieutenant H. B. White (who, with Second Lieut. J. R. Russell, were the only officers left at the close of the day, and who were both awarded the D.S.O. for their gallant conduct) "owing to the retirement of the regiment on our left the Germans had broken through the line, and we were in danger on that flank, and also on our left rear." Lieut. W. V. Palmer says: "The Germans had broken through on our left, and were enfilading our trenches. As soon as we lined the road we could see the Germans 500 yards away moving across our front to the left, and at the same time they brought a heavy and accurate fire to bear on us."

From Captain Moulton-Barrett's narrative we quote the following:-

"On October 23th we were told that a combined force of British. French and native troops were going to make an attack and re-take the trenches lost on the previous day. Consequently our artillery started shelling Neuve Chapelle very heavily. But in the meantime the enemy were also shelling our trenches. They were beginning to develop their attack, and when the Allies discovered this they devoted their efforts to attempting to shell the hostile infantry but unfortunately their shots fell short, and men in the fire trenches were subjected to both shrapnel and heavy artillery fire from friend and foe. About 2.45 p.m. the German attack having developed more quickly than our own, they were able to push a force of about 400 men through the gap which had yet to be filled."

Captain Moulton-Barrett learnt afterwards that the Germans actually reached the reserve trench of the West Kents—in the rear, of course, of the firing trench—only, however, to be driven back. "Thus," he says, "ended five days of very severe fighting, and the regiment had managed to hold the line allotted to them without once having been compelled to withdraw, although at times the enemy had completely turned our flank, and were behind us."

No words, however eloquent, can do justice to a situation so desperate—we might well say so unorthodox. It is rather a subject for an epic from the brush of an artist than from the pen of a writer, and an epic in oils, we are happy to state has, in fact, been painted, the artist being Mr. Frank Hyde. Of what is, in the best sense, a fine historical picture, we are able to-day, by the courtesy of the artist, to publish a photographic reproduction, which will give our readers at least an idea of the very striking attributes of Mr. Hyde's work.

The central figure in the picture is a speaking likeness of Lieut. White, D.S.O., who has given the artist many sittings, the rest of the figures—the more prominent ones at any rate—being portraits of the men who were in this heroic fight, and who also sat to Mr. Hyde. The several incidents depicted, such as the "Tommy" and the German at death grips on the ground on the extreme left, and the fat little German laying about him with his rifle to the last moment, until, as the West Kent man put it, "I got 'im fair in the middle," are from actual occurrences as described in detail to the artist, who has also had the help of sketches prepared for his guidance by participants in the fight.

The trench held with such valour and determination by the Royal West Kent Regiment was a natural gully, as shown in the painting, with a prepared parapet, badly battered by German fire. The enemy's line is seen running across the picture a comparatively short distance away, with its right resting on a pine wood coming fairly close up, and affording cover for the attack until almost the critical moment. On the skyline, in the centre, there is an outlying part of Neuve Chapelle itself, and away on the right a building, which was, or had been, a brewery, in flames.

Mr. Hyde's aim in his picture has been to get, as far as possible, a realistic and accurate result. In point of realism the work is a splendid achievement. Standing before the picture, in imagination one hears the hoarse cries of the gallant West Kent men rushing forward to meet the oncoming foe with the bayonet, mingled with the rattle of rifles and the roar of guns. In imagination also one can smell the fumes of exploding shells and the smoke from heated rifle barrels. The whole atmosphere of the picture impresses one with its truth; it is a real, living battle scene, and as faithful in technical detail as a photograph taken on the spot.

In tone value Mr. Hyde has achieved wonders, considering the drawbacks of the khaki which necessarily had to be much in evidence. In this connection the secret of his success may perhaps be summed up in one word, and that word is light. The picture is a veritable triumph of light, as everyone who sees it will unhesitatingly agree. Texture, too, is quite remarkably good, revealing judgment—and art—of the first order.

The picture is on public view for a period in the Bentlif Gallery of the Maidstone Museum, where it is bound to prove a great attraction, not only to the people of the town, but to inhabitants of the district around—in fact, to West Kent generally. The object of the painter in thus exhibiting the picture is to obtain a little help for our wounded war heroes, and so, while, of course, admission to the Gallery will be free, an opportunity will be afforded to visitors to put contributions into a box to be provided for the purpose.

With the name of Mr. Frank Hyde as a painter the local public may not be familiar. Assuming they are not, we may explain that he is a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy, where he had two pictures hung the year before last, both of his beautiful garden at Capri. He has associations with Maidstone, where his picture of the West Kents at Neuve Chapelle was painted, occupying him about a year, his daughter being the wife of Dr. Bradley, of Holland House.

Mr. Hyde was well qualified to paint a picture of the country in which the war is being waged across the Channel, for he went through the Franco-German campaign in 1870 as a war correspondent. Since that time he has travelled in many countries, making a great number of very interesting sketches. His last journey was to the Windward Islands, where he visited the tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson at Samoa. The house in which Stevenson lived was at the time occupied by Dr. Solf, the German Minister for the Colonies, as Government House. The German iron fist was felt even at this far-away spot, for one of their cruisers, the Leipsic, flag-ship of Admiral Coeper, had eighteen chiefs in irons on board, at the date of Mr. Hyde's arrival. The painter was warned not to go ashore as fighting was going on in the jungle, but he was not to be easily put off. Mr. Hyde landed and remained ashore long enough to enable him to make several valuable sketches.

A further fact of interest may be added, Mr. Hyde's son, Captain Rowley Hyde, 4th King's Own Regiment, is a Liaison Staff Officer, and was sent up to Monastir and attached to the Serbian Army under the command of Colonel Vassitch, the Serbian national hero. Captain Hyde was with the Serbians at the defence of the celebrated Babuna defile, where he was under very heavy shell fire for four hours, and accompanied them on their retreat to the last defences of Monastir. He was also with the column that retreated from Tetovo to the south of Gertiva, and thence into the Albanian Mountains. Subsequently he received orders to return to the British Headquarters at Salonika, where he is now serving.

News from the Battalions.

1st BATTALION.

Herewith a short account of a very interesting boxing competition which was held somewhere in France under the very able management of 2nd Lieut. Quinlan our energetic bomb officer, during a short period of rest (?) Some very interesting boxing was seen, and taking into consideration that they had only just returned from the firing line the competitors showed a remarkable degree of fitness. The show was held on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th December. The preliminaries were fought off in the afternoon and the semi and finals during the An interesting point about this competition was that it was held within rifle shot of the German lines and well in front of the British guns. "C" Company came out top, getting the winner of the Lights and Middles, Ptes. Read and Peskett. The bill was as follows:—

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hagan, Grenade Co., v. Cole, C. Co. A good three rounds. Cole

winning on points; Hagan securing a good loser's prize.

Pte. C. Read, C Co., v. Pte. Waller, C Co. Pte. Read k.o. his man in the second round.

Pte. McGregor, D Co., v. Pte. Horrigar, C Co. McGregor won on

Pte. Melloy, D Co., v. Pte. Loring C Co. Melloy won on points;

Loring securing good loser's prize.

Pte. Read, C Co., v. Pte. Cole, C Co. Read secured the verdict after three good rounds.

Pte. McGragor, D Co., scratched to Pte. Melloy, D Co. Pte. Taylor, D Co., v. Pte. Melloy, D Co. Taylor won on points. Final .- Pte. Read, C Co., v. Pte. Taylor, D Co. Taylor gave in after

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hayes, D Co., v. Lance-Corpl. Noble, D Co. A good fight, Hayes only just winning.

Pte. Avis, D Grenade Co., v. Lance-Corpl. Smith, B Co. Avis won on points after a good bout.

Corpl. Peskett, C Co., v. Pte. Donovan, D Grenade Co. Peskett won easily.

Pte Avis scratched to Pte. Hayes.

Lance-Corpl. Dyer, D Co., v. Pte. Kemp, C Grenade Co. Lance-Corpl.

Pte. Bell, Stretcher Bearer, v. Pte. Hall, C Co. Bell won easily; Pte. Hall securing good loser's prize.

Pte. Bell, Stretcher Bearer, v. Pte. Hayes, D Co. Bell won after a good fight.

Pte. Peskett k.o. Lance-Corpl. Dyer in the semi-final.

Pte. Bell, Stretcher Bearer, v. Pte. Peskett, C Co. Peskett won some what easily.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Pte. McAlpine, B Co., v. Lance-Corpl. Nobbs, B Co. McAlpine won after a good rousing fight.

SPECIAL CONTESTS.

Four Rounds.—Pte. Edmett v. Pte. Pringle, Machine Gunner.

good clean fight, with Pringle winning all the way.

Pte. "Bricky" Smith, B Co., v. Pte. Lidbury, C Co. An exhibition spar of four rounds, in which "Bricky" showed that he had lost none of his old cleverness.

Four Rounds. - Pte. Yarnton v. Pte. Reed, Transport. Yarnton won

Pte. Redding, Transport, v. Pte. Harris, Signaller. These two old of ponents showed some very good boxing during the six rounds. Harris securing the verdict in a splendid fight.

Bresnahan. B Co., v. Lance-Corpl. Waite, Machine Gunner.

Pres. Bresnahan, B. Co., V. Lance-Corpl. Waite, Machine Guinner. Bresnahan won on points after an extra round.

Lieut. Carpenter v. 2nd Lieut. Walters, A. Co. Walters won on points. Captain Travers v. 2nd Lieut. Dando. Dando won easily.

It will be seen that it was rather a large programme, and great credit is due to the Officers and N.C.O.'s who organised the show.

"C" Company have won the Shield for 1915-16. The competition was played on the League system, each Company playing the other twice. Medals, with the following inscription, will be given to the members of the team:-

st Battalion The Queen's Ow Royal West Kent Regiment. Battalion Football Shield, 1915. Played in Picardie, France.

"C" Company sends us the following account of the final, and the names of the team:-

Having won the Football Shield by defeating "B" Co. 9—0, we finished up the League by trying to let "D" Co. have their own back. But it was all to no purpose, we whacked them 5—0. It was a most enjoyable game, and the score does not represent the game. "D" Co. should have scored at least twice during the initial half. Sergt. Taylor, our energetic centre-forward, obliged with all the goals. Lieut. Cale. Pte. Jupp and Sergt. Taylor were in fine form for the winners, as was Sergt. Crowhurst for the losers We had the assistance of S.M. Stevens, of the M.T.A.S.C., as referee, and when I say that we never had a referee like him since we have been out here, I'm echoing the remarks of all who were present at the match. He is some referee. I append the League

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"C" COMPANY 1st R.W.K. FOOTBALL TEAM.

Lieut. E. J. Fulcher, 6694 C.S.M. M. Stroud, 8168 C.Q.M.S. H. Hylands, 7811 Sergt. T. Taylor, 9926 Sergt. W. Seale, 9995 Lc.-Corpl. J. Jupp, 8058 Pte. W. Claridge, 9001 Pte. J. Carlton, 9826 Pte. J. Ring, 8740 Pte. T. White, 8323 Pte. G. Peskett, 2nd Lieut. R. H. Cale, 8056 Lance-Corpl. E.

2nd BATTALION.

Nasiriyah, December 26th, 1915.

The Headquarters with half the Battalion is still at Nasiriyah, and at present there seems very little chance of the two wings joining up.
News only filters through to us here from the Tigris line. People in
England probably know more of the fighting than we do; but we know there have been some big engagements there, and though our casualties are severe we have taken a much heavier toll from the Turks. Our force had reached the Turkish positions in front of Bagdad and would probably have got right through had not the enemy received strong reinforcements at a critical moment.

Your readers will not know the part taken by our Wing ("B" and "D" Companies) under the command of Major Nelson. They were not in the big fight—you know where—but have been in all the subsequent fighting. On the evening of the 24th November half the Wing, under Captain ing. On the evening of the 24th November nati the Wing, under Captain Dinwiddy, went up the river above Kut, and the remainder followed on the following day by road, with the 14th Hussars, and joined the steamer. Twenty miles a day were covered, and eventually this little column reached the main force. They then turned back, but owing to the heavy pressure of the Turkish artillery, once again they moved upriver, and after a march of six miles their Brigade was detailed as rearguard and cought a rearguard action for seven miles under shell rearguard and fought a rearguard action for seven miles under shell fire and against Arab horsemen. The Brigade did not halt until 11 irre and against Arab norsemen. The Brigade did not hair than the p.m., having covered thirty miles in seventeen hours. Only those who have marched through a country without decent roads can imagine what this was like. To add to the discomfort they had no blankets or kit, and had to sleep—or try to—in the open without any covering. At this time of the year the nights are bitterly cold, and the hardships this Wing suffered during these days will not be soon forgotten.

The casualties of the Wing up to date are between 40 and 50, but many are only slightly wounded. It is with the greatest regret we have heard that the following were killed or died of wounds, and we tender our heartfelt condolences to their relatives: No. 7361 Sergeant W. Wannell, No. 4859 Pte. A. Jones, No. 9161 Pte. A. Harbour, No. 8866 Pte. H. Butler, and No. 3118 Sergt. C. Pryor, 2/5th Devons, who has been serving with the Battalion since our first reinforcements of Territorials arrived last August.

At Nasiriyah our mission is to keep the Euphrates open, and this is being done quite successfully. We have heard that a force of Turkish troops are between us and Kut, but if it is they have kept at a respectful distance. The surrounding country is continually patrolled by us and the Arabs seem to have a wholesome respect for us. Strong reinforcements are arriving in the country continually, and I fully expect we shall be in Bagdad before long.

To you, Mr. Editor, and all your readers we wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Being caught with a pendil in my hand, I was asked to tell of the Sergeants who remained with the Headquarters of the 2nd Battalion. the 24th December, after our usual hours of work on the defences, we turned out en masse to watch a little sport (on the river Euphrates), which had been kindly arranged by the Officers of the Garrison. Paddling races for British and Indian troops proved very interesting and, in some cases, amusing, especially when a boat in its haste tried to go over land. The great event of the afternoon was a boat race for Regimental fours, in which the Sergeants had been allowed to enter one team. Fours in all other cases were composed of officers. First heat (three boats), 30th Mountain Battery, 44th Merwara Infantry, and Sergeants of the battalion. Sergeants won this heat. Second heat (three boats), i.e., Brigade Staff, Officers of the Battalion and 90th Punjabis. Officers of the Queen's Own won second heat, so it resulted in an Officers v. Sergeants race at 5 p.m. The Sergeants, who had been well trained by Company Sergt.-Major E. Newbrook and Sergt. Stace, managed to win a good race by about three lengths, and became holders of the title of "Euphrates Champions." About 7.30 p.m. a Camp Fire Concert and a dance proved very amusing, and I think was enjoyed by all. Ditties by the "Three Sheiks" were greatly appreciated and in all cases were most appropriate. On the 25th (Christmas Day) after the usual Church parade, we paid a flying visit to the Sergeants of the 5th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), to wish them the compliments of the season. The Brigadian visited the Comthem the compliments of the season. The Brigadier visited the Companies present at Nasiriyah, wished them the compliments of the season, and told them that if he was ever in a tight corner he would like to have "The Queens' Own" to get him out of it. A very quiet day ended by members having a drink at the Sergeants' Mess Tent about 10 p.m. With every good wish to the Sergeants of all Battalions, we remain (we hope not for ever).

SERGEANTS.

2nd Batt. The Queen Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

The Boat Teams were as under:—Officers: Bow, Lieut. E. L. Watson; 2 Lieut. T. D. Marshall; 3, Lieut. W. H. W. Haslam; stroke, Captain A. S. Bredon; cox, Lieut.-Col. S. H. Pedley. Sergeants: Bow, C.S.M. E. Newbrook; 2, C.Q.M.S. F. Godden; 3, Pioneer Sergt. J. Kerridge; stroke, Sergt. A. Clear; cox, Sergt. C. Stace.

"A" COMPANY.

Since I last wrote I am sorry to say we have lost a few of our old hands in the recent engagement which we had at Nasiriyah, and they are greatly missed by all. But I am very glad to tell you we have got some of our wounded back to us again, including our C.S.M., who, after getting wounded, won the D.C.M., and a few others have joined us, but unfortunately some of them are unable to do so, having been sent to England. We have also had some of our chaps from the Depot (Nasirabad), including our old Company Commander, Captain Case-Morrin, who everyone was very pleased to see and have on service with them.

We have recovered from the Christmas festivities without sustaining any casualties. A boat race was got up by the Brigade Staff, and this entailed a keen competition among those who took part. The Company teams, which were provided by each Platoon, had but very little practice, and in spite of leaky boats they pulled well, but failed to obtain any prizes. In the evening a concert, combined with dancing, provided an evening's enjoyment to all who attended it.

Christmas Day was very quiet, and the dinner consisted of chicken, green peas, potatoes and ham, but someone had two helpings of ham so No. 12 Platoon didn't get any. The General Officer Commanding came round at the dinner hour and wished all a happy Christmas after giving a speech of praise.

The war gifts from Lady Willington's Bombay Fund arrived just before Christmas and provided a sumptious feed of pudding, so under the conditions we did well for the Yuletide.

3rd BATTALION.

Owing to the restrictions on leave at Christmas time, there was a good muster for the Christmas festivities. On Christmas Day, the C.O. and Officers went round the various barrack rooms, which were very tastefully decorated.

On Boxing Day, a Marathon race, about seven miles across country, was held. There was a good entry, several officers taking part. The event was won by Corporal Smith of "G" Company, and his brother, Corporal Smith, of the same Company, being second.

On New Year's Eve, the Brigadier-General and Brigade Staff dined with the Officers, and the New Year was welcomed in the time honoured manner.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion during the month of January:—Captains Wilberforce Bell and Lewis, from sick leave; 2nd Lieut. Dyson, from R.M.C., Sandhurst; 2nd Lieut. J. H. Ashton, from sick leave

The following has left during the same period:—Captain E. M. Moulton Barrett, to Salonika.

We have not so far obtained a large number of Derby Recruits, but those we have got appear to be of a decidedly good stamp.

We were very sorry to see that Colonel Pedley had been wounded, but very glad to hear the wound is not serious.

Owing to various causes, not much football has taken place, but the following is a short account of a match against the Army Pay Corps:-

On Saturday, the 22nd January, the 3rd Battalion Football Team played a match with the Army Pay Corps Team of Chatham, on the Football Ground at Fort Darland. The West Kent Team was not up to full strength, owing to the fact that many of the usual Battalion players were away on a Musketry Course.

The team which lined up was as follows:—Goal, Pte. Marra; backs, Lance-Corpl. Lane and Lance-Corpl. Hooper; half-backs, Sergt. Chatfield, Pte. Edwards and Corpl. Hunt forwards, Q.M.S. Kellend, Pte. Smith, Pte. Johnson, Pte. Brown and Pte. Steel. Sergt. Sweeney was the referee.

For the first time for many weeks the match was played under ideal conditions. Although the A.P. Corps Team included many likely looking players, they did not get going for some time against the homesters, who went away with a rush. Early on in the game Johnson had hard lines in not scoring with a fine corner shot. After this neither team looked like scoring up to half-time, although the Kents had most of the play in rather a scrappy game. On the resumption after the interval, when the score was no goals, Q.M.S. Kallend rushed down the wing, but his well put in centre was not taken advantage of The game continued scrappy, but the P.C. forwards were always well held by the halves and backs of the Kents. The chief source of danger to the Pay Corps citadel came from Johnson and the right wing, and had it not been for the P.C. half continually putting Q.M.S. Kallend offside they would soon have been behind. The game, however, ended quietly in a draw of no goals each.

It is hoped soon to be able to arrange another match with one of our leading London Clubs in aid of the Comforts Fund.

The following Officers joined the Battalion during the month of January:—2nd Lieuts Compton, Jagger and Maxwell, and 2nd Lieut. Coltman left on appointment to Royal Flying Corps.

1/4th BATTALION.

Jubbulpore, January 5th, 1916.

It is probable that few of us thought this time last year that we should spend a second Christmas in Jubbulpore, but the fact remains that another festive season has come and gone, with our Battalion still in possession of Hugh Rose Barracks. Last Christmas, I remember, everyone was talking of our moving in the spring, and twelve months later we are still listening to the same stories, and all the prophets are firmly convinced that we shall get a move shortly. But we must wait and see.

We remained under canvas at Baragarh until the 23rd of December, the five weeks spent there being profitably employed with field manœuvres and a varied programme of useful and instructive work.

The general routine of the training allowed very little time to be devoted to sports and pastimes, but what little there was was fully utilised. The inevitable football — without which no regiment could possibly be happy—was catered for by the provision of a roughly marked out piece of ground, cleared of stones, and provided with bamboo goals. Small game of all sorts is very plentiful in the district, and a couple of hours' shooting in the afternoon generally resulted in a fair bag of wild duck, teal, partridge, snipe, and hares, while a number of buck were also shot near the camp. Wild pig are also plentiful in the district, and on one occasion while advancing through a somewhat dense piece of jungle one company disturbed a boar. Without hesitation he charged and bowled over one man, but fortunately did not get his tusks home. Another man made a lunge at the pig with a fixed bayonet, but the only result was that the bayonet was considerably bent and the boar, though wounded, got away. One or two exciting encounters with snakes also occurred, and several cobras and a huge python were killed in the vicinity of the camp.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, December 21st, no little diversion was caused by what was described as the First Annual Baragarh Steeple-clases. The chief item on the programme was the Baragarh Camp Sweepstakes, the course being described as "over fair hunting country of about four miles" (once round the lake), and one of the conditions being: "The winner to stand a dinner to all finishing in one piece before retreat." The entries were as follows:—

Mr. W. Nash's CampfireOwner
Captain H. I. Robinson's Jewel (white with brown and vermillion

 Mr. A. F. Craig's Butcha (white and dark brown diamonds).......Owner Mr. I. F. A. Swanston's Sarah (khaki and pink band).......Owner

To the surprise of the majority of the spectators, quite a good race resulted. All the runners finished the race without mishap, and Mr. W. Nash (on Campfire) just secured the victory over Captain Locket's Idol the Idle.

As already mentioned, the training concluded on December 23rd. The camp was struck on the afternoon of the 22nd, and the Battalion slept in the open for the last night—an exceedingly chilly experience, as by comparison with the heat of the day the nights are now bitterly cold. At seven the next morning, after a few words of appreciation of the work done during the training by the C.O., the march back to barracks was commenced. The day was reasonably cool, and little discomfort was caused by the 17½ mile journey, except the blinding clouds of dust that were encountered most of the way, the distance being accomplished in a little over five hours.

Owing to the very short time that elapsed between the end of the camp and Christmas, the arrangement for celebrating the festival were somewhat hurried, but in spite of this a very enjoyable day was spent by the Battalion as a whole. The barrack-rooms generally were more or less elaborately decorated with greenery and multi-coloured paper festoons. Each Company had its own Christmas dinner, to which Officers, N.C.O.'s and men sat down together, and the Commanding Officer followed the time-honoured custom of visiting each in turn and wishing all present health and good luck. During the afternoon various games of football and hockey were played, and the evening was devoted to pleasant social gatherings in the company bungalows. As the festival followed so closely the Battalion training, the holiday was extended by the C.O. to a week and beyond the ordinary barrack routine and guards etc., serious work was not resumed until after the New Year.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess celebrated their Christmas on New Year's Day. An excellent dinner in the Mess was followed by a smoking concert held in the Gymnasium. The chair was occupied by Sergt.-Major Johnson, and amongst the guests were Sergeants of the R.F.A., Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 5th Royal West Kents, representatives of the several Departmental Corps in the station and the Gun Carriage Factory Staff. A most enjoyable evenling terminated at midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

At present we have got a number of sick and wounded from the Persian Gulf attached to the Battalion. Over fifty cases were received into the Station Hospital some few weeks back, chiefly belonging to the Oxfordshire L.I. and Norfolk Regiments, although there are also one or two of our own 2nd Battalion amongst them.

We have lost yet another of our officers in the person of Major C. B Robb, who has gone to understudy the D.A.A.G. on the Divisional Staff at Mhow. He left the station for his new employment on January 1st. Captain F. Bourne has now become a Double Company Commander and has been transferred to "B" Company.

As I am concluding this, news has just reached us of the sinking of the mail steamer "Persia"—another appalling deed by our treacherous enemies. Several ladies well-known in the station were on board her, and are amongst the missing. Another point which, although a minor one, affects us all personally is that she was carrying the Indian mail up to the 24th of December, and consequently all our home letters for that week are now at the bottom of the Mediterranean.

2/5th BATTALION.

Our apologies are due to the Editor for missing the usual monthly report of the "Q.O.G." for December—this being principally on account of Christmas leave.

We are still in Tonbridge, and our training being on the usual lires, calls for no comment. Our future movements are unknown; rumours have consigned us to nearly every country under the sun except Cochin China, and we may even hear that our route to Berlin is via that charming spot.

The Kent Brigade Boxing Tournament was held in December, and it is somewhat pleasing to record that all events were won by men of this Battalion. As Brigadier-General Combe said, when presenting the prizes: "This Battalion is the sporting one of the Brigade, and has swept the board."

Football, both Rugby and Association, has been quiet—most matches being in the Regiment, except the team from the Signallers, under 2nd Lieut. Godfray, which has beaten all comers in the Brigade, even the Royal Engineers' team.

A Brigade Concert is given here every fortnight. On January 26th we accepted the liability for all turns. The principal item was the well-known play, "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," which was played by the following officers:—2nd Lieut. H. G. Evans, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Hartman, 2nd Lieut. V. Russell, Lieut. G. H. Payne, Lieut. D. Y. Hay, Captain L. M. Brewis and Major Vaughan-Cowell. The scenery was painted by Captain Brewis and 2nd Lieut. Hartman; the lighting effects by 2nd Lieut. Faunthorpe; the play produced and stage-managed by 2nd Lieut. Evans; and if one may judge by the reception, the show was extremely successful.

Our Derby recruits are now coming in, and are being trained inder a special staff, Captain L. M. Brewis being "O.C. Kindergarten." Lieut. P. A. Sharp and C.S.M. Lambert have joined the Battalion on return from the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, where they have served, attached to the 2/4th R.W.K.

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Our "specialists" are as follows:—Lieut. A. D. H. Dodson, Musketry;
Lieut. B. W. Lazenby, Machine Gun; 2nd Lieut. C. W. Fawkner, Bombing;
2nd Lieut. L. G. Byng, Physical Training; and 2nd Lieut. Godfray,
Signaller.

The 3/5th R.W.K., the draft-finding unit for the 1/5th and 2/5th Battalions, is now in training at Cambridge.

3/5th BATTALION.

The Battalion at present is at Cambridge and enjoying all the delights of visiting the numerous historic places and various entertainments which the inhabitants are promoting.

The move from Bromley was made on the 2nd January, and upon arrival all the men found billets awaiting them.

Field operations, physical drill, bayonet fighting and musketry are the principal training items, and the present squad of men engaged on musketry are making excellent scores.

Early in the month a concert promoted by the Battalion was much appreciated, and on the 22nd a football match with the 3/4th Buffs was played on Parker's Piece, and much to the chagrin of the Fifths' supporters lost by 3—2 after leading by 2—0 at one time. However, there will be ample opportunities of avenging the defeat, for the Division is inaugurating a League, and we shall meet again.

Courses of Instruction in Cookery, Transport Duties, Musketry, Machine Gun, Farriery, etc., find a large number of officers and men away on those duties.

Co. Q.M.S. G. Bennett has received a commission and been posted to the Battalion. He returned home wounded from the Dardanelles, being one of the Double Company from the 2/5th which made up the composite 2/4th Battalion.

The College Authorities are taking a keen interest in the troops stationed here, and have thrown the football grounds open for League matches, and boats for those who wish for a row on the river. Every Sunday members of the University are to be seen conducting parties round the Colleges, explaining the history and objects of interest, and the tours are much appreciated. Those who do not possess a 'Varsity education can, without departing from the truth, say "I've been to Cambridge."

6th BATTALION.

"C" COMPANY.

21st January, 1916.

My task is onerous—my burden great. I have just been asked to make a report on "Optimistic C"—still optimistic as ever. Far behind us are the memorable Purfleet and Aldershot days, but our reputation, we think, is unchanged.

I am writing this is a small stable, forming the H.Q. Guard-room-(No! I am not awaiting D.C.M.).

"Here upon guard am I"—and I have just been asked to send in an account of our doings—and like all good West Kents—I am living up to the immortal "Give 'em a job, and they'll do it," and am doing it.

Now for it. The reports that have appeared in the "Gazette" from the Battalion give practically the same account that could be written on the Company.

After three months of "week in, week out," in quiet parts of the line, we suddenly moved to a hot corner, and took part in what may be termed the "after effects" of Loos There we encountered not only "whizz-bangs," to which we have grown accustomed, but also aerial torpedoes, commonly called "sausages." As the correspondent of the 1st Eattalion says: "They are the cause of a fever"—they make an awful noise, and cause a rather upsetting amount of damage, and are the cause of much bad language on the part of the Pioneer crush!

After some days—and nights of this sort of thing, came the attempt to take "Gun trench"—you have the Battalion report, how we sustained the heavy bombardment and then "played up" in the words of the Staff Officer. Then came the gallant attack by the Division in October, when the trench was captured by the East Surreys, we relieved them at night and held the trench against counter-attacks—in the good old West Kent way. Men who had been with the Battalion from the start fought side by side with men who had only joined up three or four days previously. Second Lieut. Pye met his death—fighting side by side with the boys (he was in the act of re-loading his rifle when the bullet struck him) and "played the game" to the last like the officer and gentleman he was.

For "conspicuous gallantry" we had Major Beeching, Captain Francis, Sergeant Mitchell, Lance-Corporal Baker ("Bomber Baker"), and Private Linge (who "played up" as stretcher bearer) mentioned in despatches.

Many and varied have been our experiences since then, we have all developed tastes for cafe and rum first thing in the morning before 'jerks'—we have experienced all sorts and conditions of trenches, including "The Islands" (which speaks for itself!). We have tasted soup at "Windy Corner," and enjoyed immensely "The Babes in the

W (censored)" and "Aladdin" given by the Divisional Pierrots, and seen "The Follies."

One of our Company (an "old" soldier and all) had a narrow escape from drowning, by slipping off the trench-board into the side, he went up to his chin, pack and all, anyway—so we have another form of "strafement."

We "enjoyed" Christmas in the trenches, and appreciated to the full the puddings sent by the various funds, and now we are "back behind"

on Divisional training.

As I have said before, we are still "optimistic," but we have one big "grouse"—"leave," badly needed, is being proceeded with very slowly, and now we hear it is stopped for a fortnight, and a crowd of the old "Purfleet" boys are still waiting—but we have not lost hope!
We deeply regret to report the loss of 2nd Lieut. Wheeler, who had

not been with us long, but who was killed by a sniper on Boxing Day.

We hold out the hand of welcome to 2nd Lieut, Roberts, and trust that his stay with the Company will be a long and happy one.

We're living in a land innocent of hills, abounding in water, a land totally uninspiring and unattractive, so that we cannot wander lonely as a cloud seeking comfort and pleasure amid Nature's wonderful ways, but are perforce compelled to gather in the various Company messes or in certain shops in certains towns those tiny seeds of joy that go ordinarily to make up the daily round.

There is little of outstanding importance to relate. On our front the

Boches began to annoy us with rifle grenades, but he was "strafed" so much that the nuisance diminished considerably. The Headquarters on this particular front was a house of some prominence, nicely situated. splendid outlook, good water supply, and if it hadn't been for the war life there would not have been too bad. But the Hun strafed it. He planted two Krumps with such accuracy that life there became uneasy.

Then, of course, we have visitors; sometimes distinguished ones The other day two staff officers, unaccustomed to the ordeals of the front line trenches, crept stealthily up in the quiet of the early morning. Their progress up a certain sap was peculiar, though amusing; their

egress was rapid and dramatic.

Another visitor we had one day-as a reinforcement. He was not a noble youth to look upon, rather was he insignificant. His hair was flamy red; his eyes were sore, his heart was weak, and his feet were cold. He stayed with this Battalion precisely two days. He was a sort of rabbit, and we've missed him, for one platoon was beginning to treat him as its mascot.

One should have written of Christmas doings, but alas! there weren't many. The Battalion was in the trenches, and consumed all the good things sent from the Depot in the trenches. The men were visibly fatter when they came out, but they regretted not having a real Christmas Day of their own. There was one festive board to be noted. The Battalion was resting, and a certain Sergeant arranged the programme for the feast. Joints were roasted, potatoes baked, Christmas puddings heated,

nuts, oranges, drinks, etc., etc., figured.

The feast commenced at 1 p.m., and was still going on at 5 p.m. (yes, the same evening). Can you picture the scene about 8 p.m.—a large group of fat, leisurely reclining, beer consuming people, with funds of good feeling towards everybody on this particular occasion. sitting or standing round a candle-lighted barn? One picked out various prominent figures. Everybody will recognise one. Huge, fat, sitting at a table, with a nearly consumed glass of beer; red, innocent, baby face. Then there was that Collector of Telephone Wires, and lately awarded the D.C.M., making facetious remarks in the corner of the room. So the afternoon and evening wore on, hour to hour, and still they sang until they gradually sang themselves to sleep.

Yes, the Battalion's greatness has been recognised at last. See the number of mentions and awards of D.C.M. Good luck to the rightly

proud winners; may they go from strength to strength.

Football was a success last time we were out. In the company contests "D" Company greatly distinguished itself. In the Divisional Com-

petition the Battalion was the winner of its group.

Well, now for training; how we're getting to love physical exercises, for though we are walking pantechnicons whenever we go up to the trenches we do really get out of condition and flabby. We don't work more than 18 hours a day when we're in, but we get so bucked by the tot of rum each evening that physical training is necessary to get us down to weight again.

7th BATTALION.

Suggested, a new crest for the 7th R.W.K., the same to consist of a ditto rampant in a trench sanglant; motto (with apologies to the Cabinet) -"Huns may come and Huns may go, But we stay on for ever." That is to say, we are doing the same as ever, and doing it as gracefully. Bayonet fighting on the Boch parapet and rapid loading by wiring parties may be depended upon to maintain the Battalion in its pristine efficiency. In fact, any person so ill-advised as to expect "news" of the 7th Battalion is referred without distinction to any "Q.O.G." from August to December last.

We said we were "the same;" one change we cannot forget. In the last days of December, in the Tambour du Clos, was killed Captain Summers. He lies in the little valley of our fallen, unforgotten by all who ever had the chance to know and value him, beside the road that brings his Battalion to and from the trenches-his last relief complete.

8th BATTALION.

From 26th November till January 4th, we were in rest area. Since then we have been at the Front, and have, considering the spot, been fairly lucky

Lieutenant Evans, our invaluable Quartermaster, who did more for the 8th than any officer in it, has gone to England to our great regret. However, he has an excellent substitute in Lieutenant Wood, the Quartermaster of the 9th Battalion, who has come out to replace him. Captain Whitty, 2nd Battalion, came as second in commmand about November 24th.

9th BATTALION.

We have unfortunately lost our unbeaten record in the Brigade Competition. Drafts for the various fronts, and to the 10th and 11th Battalions, have depleted our front ranks, but we hope to unearth some talent among the Derby Recruits, as we require a few more goal scorers Operations were resumed on January 12th, the match being 5th Middlesex, the leaders. The match was played on our against 15th Middlesex, the leaders. opponents' ground, a fine piece of turf, but open to the four winds. Our experimental front rank failed to combine, but the defence was very sound, and although always the better team, the "Die Hards" only managed the get through once. Result: 1-0.

January 19th saw us at home again to 14th Middlesex, anxious to avenge their 6-1 defeat earlier in the season. Our half-back line again had the assistance of our Acting Secretary, whose work was very good, and we re-shuffled the front rank. A brilliant individual effort on the part of the centre forward, resulting in a goal, raised our hopes, but the only satisfactory point about the second half was the work of the two backs and goalkeeper, who in the teeth of an ever freshening gale of wind and rain kept a clean sheet, till a very doubtful decision of "hands" in the penalty area caused the equalising goal. Sergt. Eaves, in goal, saved brilliantly, but the forwards following up secured and scored. On resuming a couple of good breaks away led to 2nd Lieut. Officer catching the goalkeeper napping, but the ball went over. Fate, however, was against us, as just before the close a fine centre from the left wing was neatly turned in, and our visitors won a well deserved victory by 2-1.

In the monthly Topography Course, 2nd Lieut. Russell was a good second and awarded a "D," while Messrs. Curry, Davis, Hughes, Willoughby and Lieut. Thompson obtained First Class. The whole of our 14 entrants succeeded in satisfying the examiners, and reflecting credit upon the Instructor, 2nd Lieut. C. Adams .

We are still supplying valuable instructors to the various units of the Army, and their appointments are alike creditable to themselves and the Battalion. This month we note with satisfaction the appointment of 2nd Lieut. Stewardson to an Instructorship in Musketry, and 2nd Lieut. Harnott (Signalling), while Lieut. Croll (who a short time ago was given his second star and transferred to the General List as Brigade Instructor in Signalling), and 2nd Lieut. Bartlett, in charge of the all-important Musketry Course of the Y.O.C., continue to get first-class results from their efficient instruction.

The Christmas Concert was held on Monday, December 20th, and a pleasing innovation was afforded by a Pierrot Troupe in the regulation costume. We understand they had been trained by the Sergeant Drummer, and they proved a great credit to his tuition. We are indebted to those civilian friends who contributed several items and helped to make the concert such a success. The conjuring turn and card tricks by Mr. Innes were excellent, as also were the set of topical lightning sketches and the racy American anecdotes by Mr. J. Noble. The monologues of Tommy Prior were distinctly above the average, and Mr. Cyril Ambler sang a couple of sentimental songs in good style. The usual songs and choruses went well, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The men enjoyed a most excellent dinner on Christmas Day, and the menu which included roast turkey, Christmas pudding, etc., reflected great credit on the Battalion Cook and staff. Colonel Daniell, accompanied by Mrs. Daniell and family, was present, and after reading out the King's Christmas message to the Forces, he wished them all a happy Christmas and asked them to bear in mind, while they ate their dinners, their comrades in the field. Hearty cheers were then given for Colonel and Mrs. Daniell.

During the past month considerable improvements have been effected in the camp. Fatigue parties have been put on to the work of laying cinder paths through the lines, which will do away with much of the discomfort and inconvenience caused by the mud. The roofs of the huts have been made watertight, so that the Derby recruits, who are now arriving in daily batches, will have comfortable dry quarters, no matter what the weather may be. If we can judge from the first lots of these recruits who have reached us, it would appear that they will prove a valuable addition to our Forces, as in the majority of cases they are well set up and quite up to the average, and with a careful training will make rapid progress.

10th BATTALION.

Great changes have taken place in connection with the Battalion since our last letter to the "Q.O.G." and we now find ourselves a fully fledged Battalion in one of the greatest training centres in the Kingdom, viz.: Aldershot.

We left Maidstone on the 29th December, after hurried preparations, and arrived here during the afternoon midst a downpour of rain, hence our first impressions were not so bright as we had hoped. Since then we have experienced nothing but rain and mud with our training. But although the ground and air are damp, the weather has failed to have the same effect on our boys. Despite these disadvantages to pleasant training the Battalion has adopted a most cheery manner, and amidst hard solid work from morning until night (and also during the night now) smiles and cheerfulness reign supreme. The boys evidently are stern in their resolve to add to the deeds of the Queen's Own and intend to keep up the glorious reputation of our senior Battalions in the near future.

Since our arrival we have been inspected by our Brigadier, Divisional Commander, and General Sir A. Hunter in turn, and according to reports on the same have created an impression on all which is worthy of the Regiment to which we belong. The G.O.C. of the Command, however, reminded us that we had a magnificent reputation to keep up and thereby encouraged a feeling in us to go on and on to the height of efficiency as hard as we could.

We have had very little time for sport of any description since our arrival, but have somehow managed to get one football match, versus 11th Batt the Queen's, which resulted in a win for the Queen's by four goals to none. However there are a few more Saturdays remaining yet and possibly we but reverse the result. We hope to anyhow.

Many friends in the other Battalions will be pleased to hear that our five Instructors, namely, Co. Sergt. Majors Redmond, Hodan Simmonds, Bishop, and Miles, all of the 2nd Battalion, are stin with us, and still struggling gamely to bring us up to "Regular" jutary of the Regular of the Retailion are still indulging in

Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion are still indulging in "courses" which, judging by results, are appetising to the brain. fever has caught them and they are for ever looking for a course to Let us hope that their hunger is eventually dispersed by a knowledge of everything obtainable.

The Battalion is pleased to announce that the following promotions -Captain Soames to Major; Lieuts. Knight and Wallis have taken place:to Captains; and 2nd Lieuts. Roberts and Tennyson-Smith to Lieutenants.

Before closing our correspondence we regret very much that our Regimental Sergeant-Major Bickley has, after a long illness at home been admitted to Preston Hall Hospital, Maidstone, and we sincerely hope that it will not be long before he is fit and able to resume duty.

11th BATTALION.

The W.O. has officially taken over the Battalion, and ordered its removal from Catford to Tournay Barracks, Aldershot, for a short period of training. The notice of departure was short, but the Mayor and Council of Lewisham found time to entertain the Officers at a farewell

The day of departure, December 9th, was very wet, but in the morning the second party at Carford had a rousing send off. Children from the Council Schools lined the roads, and a crowd almost unprecedented in the district, assembled to wish the Lewisham Battalion "God speed. At Aldershot the Brigadier (General Towsey) awaited the arrival, in

torrents of rain, of the advance party.

The usual "taking over" inspections took place, and the men acquitted themselves very well.

As it was not possible to arrange for the transit of the large body of men in the district for home visits, the majority spent Christmas in Barracks. The rooms were tastefully decorated, entertainments were arranged, an excellent dinner was provided, and all went very merrily. The C.O. and Mrs. Searle, Major and Mrs. Annesley, Captain and Adjutant G. F. Pragnell, Miss Freeman, and all the Company Officers vied with each other to give the men "a good time," and were rewarded with complete success.

The Old Year found the Battalion busy at Aldershot, but on the first Friday in 1916 the Brigade marched to their new quarters in the "rest" camp. The men stood the march well, the whole going through the

severe test quite satisfactorily.

Soon settled in their new quarters the "rest" began, each branch of training coming into view in quick succession. All was quite nicely arranged with the exception of lighting, the electric plant allowing only darkness for eight nights. The men took this enforced idleness at night

camp humour also came out in the varied names attached to the bunks that had previously been designated by numbers only-while the suburban plates have been emulated in "No Hawkers, No Circulars,"
"Boy Wanted," "Please wipe your boots," etc., each of which appeals
to those who have the pleasure of residence in a "mud" encampment.

On 21st January the First Annual Dinner was held in the Sergeants' Mess, and the caterer did credit to the event. Later in the evening a Smoking Concert was held under the presidency of C.S.M. Tranter (in the absence of R.S.M. Goulds, who was indisposed), at which several Officers

were present. Those who contributed to the musical programme included C.S.M. Haley, Sergeants Germer (at the piano), Perry, Titshall, Woods, Middleton, Buddell, Baynes, Jenkins, Springhett, Jacobs, Lamb, Jenns, Robinson, and Hammond; while of the Officers, Lieuts. Habrow and Hall contributed capital songs.

The Chairman, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "Our Officers," to which Lieut.-Colonel Searle (O.C.) responded. He expressed his pleasure at the excellent way in which the work of the formation and training of the Battalion had been carried through, and satisfaction with the results obtained. He was very sorry that he would be unable to take them "overseas," but was quite convinced that the Lewisham Battalion would give a good account of itself in the future.

The whole meeting was a very delightful one, and the capital speech

by the Adjutant (Captain Prognell) was much appreciated.

1st CANTERBURY REGIMENT (NEW ZEALAND).

The following Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of our affiliated Battalion have been mentioned in despatches by the Commander-in-Chief, M.E.F.:—Major (temp. Lieut,-Colone), J. G. Hughes, D.S.O.

Captain H. Stewart.

Lieutenant A. E. Conway.

6/157 Lance-Corporal B. N. Tavender.

6/770 Lance-Corporal W. H. Studley.

6/227 Pte. A. J. Findlay. 6/1131 Pte. A. Thomas.

Major (temp. Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. B. Brown has been awarded the D.S.O., Captain H. Stewart the Military Cross, and Lance-Corpl. B. N. Tavender the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

OUR LEMNOS DETACHMENT.

Captain A. J. Bonsor, writing to Lieut-Colonel Dalison, says, under date December 16th, 1915:-

We shall be very thankful to get the Christmas puddings, hams and cigarettes, as we are quite unable to get anything of that sort on this island. You will be glad to hear that our men who are with this Battalion (Essex Garrison Battalion) have been doing their work very well. I am the only West Kent Officer, and am glad to say have most of our boys in my Company, many of them having been in France with the 1st Battalion. We are still under canvas, and it is very cold, so we should like some underclothing, woollen gloves, socks, and Balaclava helmets. I shall read your letter to the men to-night, and I am sure they will be glad to know they are not forgotten by their old comrades. One of my corporals has just informed me that the men would like to have the 'Queen's Own Gazette' regularly."

OUR SALONIKA DETACHMENT.

Lieut. F. B. Le Cocq jo səjeq inoj əqi jo idiəbəl əqi səspəlmouyər comforts which were despatched on December 16th, 1915. They arrived

o 1 January 11th. He writes as follows on January 13th:

"Up to now the comforts sent to the 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers have been shared in by us, and so we thought it only fair that we should share ours with them. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and men desire me to thank those at home for their kind thought. The Christmas fare has not yet arrived. The 7th R.D.F. have been very good to us, and we are well supplied with cardigans, shirts and socks. Cigarettes, pipes and tobacco will be welcomed. The strength of the Detachment is now four officers and about 200 men. The men have behaved splendidly through a most trying time. Several real good fellows have lost their lives, and many are suffering from wounds and frost bite An officer of the Dublins who commanded a platoon of our men told me they were excellent. Several have been reported for doing good work. Copies of the 'Queen's Own Gazette' would be very acceptable."

"Brigadier-General A. Martyn informs us that the Officer Commanding 7th Royai Dublin Fusiliers told him that our men had done very well indeed, and fully upheld the traditions of the Regiment. He expressed himself as more than satisfied with them."

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NOTES.

Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Bush, C.M.G., has been appointed A.D.O.S. at the Headquarters of the Cavalry Corps.

Major C. H. Stigand, attached Egyptian Army, has been appointed Senior Inspector, Upper Nile Province, with Heauquarters at Nasser, on the River Sobat.

Sergeant Hedley Thornton has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion.

Captain in the Regular Battalion. Lieutenant C. Bennett, 3rd Battalion, has been promoted Temporary

Captain A. K. Searight has, succeeded Captain C. W. Case-Morris in the command of the Depot, 2nd Battalion, at Nasirabad, the latter having joined the Service Companies.

Captain W. Newton has been appointed a Temporary Instructor at a Divisional Training School for Officers and N.C.O.'s. *

2nd Lieutenant F. G. W. Marchant has been appointed a Flying Officer and is seconded. * * *

Temporary 2nd Lieut. G. Bullen, 1st Battalion, has been promoted Temporary Lieutenant, supernumerary to the establishment.

Temporary Captain E. J. Hudson, 6th Battalion, is transferred to the General List on appointment as Adjutant to No. 1 Infantry Base Depot.

Major (Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) L. Hickson is now at home, having been invalided from East Africa.

Temporary Captain W. K. Tillie has been appointed Adjutant of the 8th Battalion, vice Temporary Captain C. de C. Middleton, wounded and prisoner of war.

Temporary Lieut. L. J. Dodd, 9th Battalion, has been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in the same rank.

Sergeant-Major H. E. Shonk, from the Essex Regiment, has been given a commission as Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant in the Territorial Battalions

* Lieut. H. I. de B. Wilson has been appointed Adjutant of the 2/4th Battalion.

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Captain A. J. Bonsor, 3rd Battalion, is commanding a Company in the Essex Garrison Battalion at Lemnos, and has a large proportion of ur men in his Company.

The undermentioned N.C.O. has been granted a commission for service in the Field:—R.W. Kent Regiment—Bombardier C. E. Hemmerde from the Reyal Horse Artillery to be Second Lieutenant.

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* * All who knew and appreciated Sergeant-Major W. H. Notter will learn with regret that his son has been killed in Gallipoli. He was serving with the 5th Australian Light Horse.

Captain H. B. Wheeler, 3rd Battalion, has been restored to the establishment from the Army Ordnance Department.

Major V. E. Musprate, 30th Lancers, I.A., who formerly served in the Regiment, has been appointed a General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade.

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* * Captain (Hon. Major) C. F. Hitchins, 3rd Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Major.

The undermentioned officers of the 3rd Battalion have been promoted:— Lieutenants to be Captains—G. Y. Gross, F. L. Short and H. F. Westmacott. Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants—S. T. L. Maunder, C. A. S. Patterson and R. E. H. Healey.

Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Searle relinquishes his commission on vacating his command of 11th Battalion, and is succeeded by Temporary Major A. F. Townshend (Captain Reserve of Officers) from the Scottish Rifles, who is given the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

* Temporary Lieutenant G. A. L. Hatton, 6th Battalion, relinquishes the temporary rank of Captain.

Major H. D. Belgrave has graduated at the Staff College, Quetta.

DEPOT NOTES.

SERGEANTS' MESS. CHRISTMAS DAY, 1915.

The members of the above enjoyed a very pleasant day, although they only mustered seven, the remainder having been granted Christmas leave. The chair was most ably taken by C.S.M. S. J. Drew, owing to the unavoidable absence of our R.S.M. M. R. Audsley, on leave-

During the dinner (which was of the very best), Colonel Dalison and Lieut. Eccles paid the members of the Mess a visit, and wished all that a Christmas in war could provide. Special mention was made of our Brother Sergeants in the trenches, all over the world where the old West Kents always find a place.

The afternoon was spent in harmony, and the songs and recitations, though not of to-day's date, it is true, were of the highest order.

Special mention must be made of R.Q.M.S. Morrison's songs, "Coming Thro' the Rye" and also "Loch Lomond," which were rendered in his rich way. Sergt. Moore's song "For Me" was given in good form. Colsergt. Palmer's "Home Sweet Home" and R.Q.M.S. Giovanni's song, "Duty," received much applause.

The day was pleasant throughout, and ended by Sergeant Head singing the old Christmas favourite, "Far Away," and R.Q.M.S. Morrison singing "Auld Lang Syne" in vernacular.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The members of the above, with a muster of 32, Regimental Sergeant-Major M. R. Audsley in the chair, dined together on the evening of New Year's Day, the dinner being followed by a concert, when some very good songs and recitations were heard.

During the evening Colonel W. E. Rowe and Captain D. P. Forestier Walker paid the Mess a visit, which added considerably to a pleasant evening

The Colonel, in response to the toast for himself and Officers, said: "I thank you all for the kind regard you have for me and my Officers," and spoke generally of the Past and Present, and of the many years that he had been associated with us, and wished all "A Peaceful New Year," in which Captain Walker joined.

Regimental Sergeant-Major M. R. Audsley proposed a special vote of thanks to the Committee, for the most excellent manner in which the arrangements for Christmas and the New Year had been carried out. He felt sure that every one appreciated their hard work.

The programme was as follows:—Song, selected, Sergt. Harper; song, selected, Sergt. Smith; recitation, selected, Sergt. Head; song, selected, Sergt. Oliver; song, "I Love My Sarah," Col.-Sergt. Walters; song, selected, Sergt. Hibbert; recitation, selected, Sergt. Pester; song, "Till the Boys Come Home," Sergt. Moore; song, "Farmer's Boy," Col.-Sergt. Palmer; song, selected, Sergt. McGrath; song, "Far Away," Sergt. Head; song, "Job Lot," Sergt. Smith; song, "Sandy McNab," Sergt. Chick; song, "When the Ebb Tide Flows," Bandmaster Hunt; piccolo and piano solo, selected, Sergt. Harper and Sergt. Hibbert; song, "Slap-dab," Col.-Sergt. Wimhurst.

THE KENTS.

The following verses are from the "Khaki Magazine" for November:-Men of Kent! Men of Kent! Did the Huns dare to make

On your coast a long-threatened descent, Ne'er a "quiet little corner in Kent" would they find— Though from home now has gone The East Kent. But the hordes that outnumber Kent's hop-poles, Now they've sampled her war-seasoned toughs, Will think twice before paying a visit
To the land that breeds men like The Buffs.

The stuff they were made of-when making their name-The "Old Buffs" are made of to-day, And if thinned be their ranks in hard fighting— Yet the stoutest of fighters are they.

Kentish Men! Kentish Men!
(A distinction and fine—
That the men of West Kent ever claim) With the odds tour to one 'gainst the Royal West Kent-Neuve Chapelle marks the height of their fame. Though old veterans crack up "the old 50th," In our lads equal pride now is shown, For the "old boys" good name's in safe keeping Where The Queen's Own is holding its own.

Untarnished their laurels, their honour and fame Unsullied are resting to-day the hands of "The Dirty Half Hundred"-For the cleanest of fighters are they.

W. E. IMESON.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of February :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieutenant W. H. W. Haslam, 1/4th Battalion, attached 2nd Battalion.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

and-Lieutenant A. B. Cadell, 8th Battalion. 2nd-Lieutenant W. U. Ross, 8th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant G. M. Stanton, 9th Battalion, attached 8th

and-Lieutenant W. L. Wigan, 1st Battalion, attached 8th Battalion.

WOUNDED.

Captain and Adjutant W. K. Tillie, 8th Battalion.

Lieutenant H. F. Clough, 1/4th Battalion, attached 2nd

2nd-Lieutenant D. E. M. Woodhouse, 9th Battalion, attached 7th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant E. S. Welch, 8th Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant S. J. Needham, 9th Battalion, attached 2nd Suffolks.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

Lieutenant H. C.S. Hearnden, 9th Battalion, attached 2nd

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW KILLED.

Lieutenant H. Poland, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

Captain G. Seccombe (Reserve of Officers) late 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Nigeria Regiment.

Lieutenant W. H. W. Haslam was educated at Marlborough, and served for four years as a private in the H.A.C. He was given a commission in the 4th Battalion in the spring On the outbreak of the war he went with his Battalion to India, and last August he was sent with a draft to the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia, and was killed on February 7th. He was a good athlete, having been in the School XV. at Marlborough, and later was secretary of the Rosslyn Park Football Club. He was a keen and efficient officer, and most popular with all ranks, and his death is a great loss to the Battalion.

Lieutenant H. A. Poland was educated at Tonbridge School, and served two years with the Inns of Court O.T.C. He volunteered for foreign service on the outbreak of the war, and received his commission in the 3rd Battalion in August, 1914. He was sent to the 1st Battalion in December 1914, and was one of the officers of C Company, under Captain Moulton Barrett which formed the storming party on Hill 60, on April 17th, 1915. When B and C Companies were relieved by the K.O.S.B.'s., Lieutenant Poland of C and Lieutenant Walker of B remained on the Hill with two sections. They were both killed when the enemy made their counter attack, as well as every man of these two sections; the Battalion thus losing two very gallant officers, whose deaths are deeply deplored by all their comrades.

and-Lieutenant W. U. Ross, who was reported dangerously wounded in Flanders on February 20th, died on February 22nd. He joined the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders as a private in November, 1914, and received his commission in the 8th Battalion in October, 1915. He is much regretted by his many friends in the Battalion.

2nd-Lieutenant A. B. Cadell was educated at Lancing, receiving a commission in the Devon Regiment in March, 1915. He was transferred to the 8th Battalion in November, 1915.

An officer of promise, his loss is greatly deplored.
2nd-Lieutenant W. L. Wigan was educated at Radley, and University College, Oxford. On the outbreak of war he immediately entered Sandhurst, and was gazetted to the 1st Battalion on the 11th November, 1914. He served with it in France, being invalided home in the spring of last year. He went out for the second time in August, 1915, being attached to a Pioneer Battalion, and then to the 8th Battalion. He was a bright and cheery companion, and an excellent officer, and his place both in the mess and on the field will be hard to fill.

2nd-Lieutenant Gareth M. Stanton was gazetted to the 9th Battalion on July 6th, 1915. After a month's course of instruction at Chatham he joined the 9th Battalion at Colchester, and was with the Brigade Y.O.C. for training until he left for service overseas on 7th February, 1916. At the time of his death he had been with the 8th Battalion about a fortnight. He was a most promising young officer, keen and painstaking in his work.

Lieutenant H. C. Hearnden enlisted in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and was gazetted to the 9th Battalion on 8th March, 1915. He joined the Battalion at Chatham, leaving for service in the Dardanelles on 25th May, 1915, where he was attached to the 2nd Hants Regiment. He had previously served for five years in the Natal Mounted Police, and was through the South African War, and was in possession of the King's and the Queen's medals. He was with Lord French in the memorable ride to the relief of Kimberley. He was a most capable and efficient officer, his previous experience being very valuable, and his loss is much to be

We append two tables. Table A shows the casualties amongst officers according to the Battalions with which they were serving at the time. Table B shows the actual losses sustained by each Battalion, irrespective of where the officer was serving. These tables will be repeated monthly.

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N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

1st BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

7535 Pte W. Robertson.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED 10058 Pte, H. S. Humberstone.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW PRISONER OF WAR.

9649 Pte R. Sweet.

MISSING.

8986 Pte. J. Handyside.

PRISONER OF WAR.

7957 Pte. A. N. Ambrose.

THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR HAS BEEN REPATRIATED.

7620 Pte. R. Warner.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 1888.

2nd BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

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9631 Pte. H. England.

5018 Pte. A. Wyatt.

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	Pte. W. Edwards.	9466	LCorpl. A. Kingsmill.
	LCorpl. E. Smith.	9865	Pte. J. Smith.
9278	Sergt. J. T. Peacock.	8856	Pte. C. Highgate.
9809	Pte. A. Treherne.	8878	Sergt, A. Barnard.
	Pte. W. Puplett.	9010	Dr. A. Smith.
8678	Dr. J. Standen.	1440	LCorpl. G. Cheel, 1/5th.
1960	L-Cpl. E. G. Anscombe,1/5th	1972	Pte. W. E. Hatto, 1/5th.
1189	Pte R. Knott, 1/5th.		

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 213.

2/4th BATTALION.

WOUNDED.

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7	27	93		W	

Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 127.

6th BATTALION.

KILLED IN ACTION.

G/1979 Pte. F. Vale.

DIED.

G/982 Pte. A. Fletcher.

WOUNDED.

	Pte. J. Allen.	89	26 Pte. T. A. Gray.
	Pte T. Hammond.	414	1 Pte. C. Reynolds.
	Sergt. J. Butler.		55 Pte. A. Fuller.
	Pte. A. Stewart.		2 Pte. E. Collins.
	Pte. W. G. Davis.		2 Sergt. A. Morris.
	Pte. A. Thomas.		2 Pte. J. Styles.
1152	Pte. H. Rav.		1

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G/41 Corpl. W. F. Edwards.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 423,

7th BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

2315 L.-Corpl, J. Cownden. 1719 Pte, J. Walker. 2063 Pte, A. A. Robinson.

1840 Pte. G. Dickinson. 1239 Pte J. Shillingford. 2197 Pte. W. Godden. 1848 L.-Sergt. G. Pitcher. 2245 Pte. W. F. Clarke. 4147 Pte. H. Myson. 2277 Pte. E. Young.

WOUNDED.

2091 Pte. F. Pinchback. 1940 Pte. A. Dibley. 1952 Corpl. G. Haaper. 1638 Pte. W. Leakey.

PRESENT LIST.

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Total all casualties amongst N.C.O.'s and Men, 100.

8th BATTALION. KILLED IN ACTION.

	Pte. J. Bushell.	4146 Corpl. W. Bryant.
5669	Corpl. W. Cooper.	4064 Pte. S. Davis.
3208	LCorpl. P. Haynes.	3184 Pte. W. Roper.
	Pte. J. Downes.	2820 Pte. J. Smale.

WOUNDED.

6637	Pte. J. Abrahams.	6078 Pte. W. Buck.
6462		1258 Pte. A. Kirby.
	Pte. H. Simmonds.	6077 Pte. F. Soundy.
	LCorpl. L. Buckle.	6786 Pte. T. Hermitage.
	Pte. J. Waters.	4000 Pte. W. Westover.
	Pte. C. Golding.	5982 Pte. E. Brooke.
	Pte. E. Carter.	2039 Pte J. Collins.
	Pte. C. Fisher.	1985 Pte. F. Heaton.
	Pte. D. Satchell.	979 Pte. D. Spicer.
	Pte. E. Waterhouse.	451 Pte. E. Westwood.
435		2724 L. Corpl. W. A. Taylor.
4249		6262 Pte. O. W. Harnden.
	Pte. G. Courtney.	
1402	Corpl. A. J. Hains.	6627 Pte. J. Jordan.
6441	Pte. G. H. Lippett.	3071 Pte A. Gofford.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

979 Pte. D. Spicer.

DIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

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9797	Pte. H. Anderson,	817 Sergt. W. Hogdon.
	Pte. M. Phillips.	5325 Pte J. Sharp.
		3055 Pte W. D Jones.
4397	Pte. A. C. Barnes.	3055 J. te W. D Wolles.

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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

3755 Pte. A. Merriman.

2461 Pte. C. Lodge

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

4322 Pte. W. Harmsworth. Pte. R. A. Hopson. Pte. J. Simpson.

2841 Pte. C. R. Harrington, 5295 Pte. J. A. Lee.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

4212 Pte. R. A. Fidler. 2467 Pte. G. H. Martin.

6266 Pte. S. Taylor,

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRISONERS OF WAR.

4239 Pte. G. W. Banfield. 2107 Pte A. H. Gill. 5369 Pte. B. M. Miles.

1448 Pte. A. Blundell, 3760 Pte. R. N. Hopkins.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

G/4114 Pte. F. A. Thomas.

2654 L.-Corpl. E. Wood.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING, NOW UNOFFICIALLY PRISONERS OF WAR.

3463 Sergt. A. Burke.

4271 Pte. A. F. Nichols.

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2490 Pte. B. Gould.

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Salonika Detachment attached 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

WOUNDED.

G/7093 Pte. S Moore.

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5824 L.-Corp T. Harden.

10017 Pte. T. Jackson.

N.B. "Killed in Action" includes "Died of Wounds," and "Wounded includes "Suffering from Gas Poisoning."

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Captain (Temporary Major) H. Stewart, Canterbury Battalion, New Zealand Forces has been awarded the "Croix de Guerre" by the President of the French Republic.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Seventeenth List of Donations received up to February 29th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:-Previously acknowledged Feb. 1st—Mrs. N. E. Barker
Feb. 2nd—Mrs. Edward Matthews
Feb. 8th—Mr. F. Spencer (late Sergeant-Major 1st Batt.)
Feb. 10th—The Rev. Canon Bingham Stevens, 2nd donation....

Feb. 19th—Lady Weare 5 0
Feb. 19th—Major and Mrs. Stigand, 3rd donation 10 0

Feb. 19th-Major Hickson, 2nd donation Feb. 21st—Colonel J. Bonhote Feb. 21st—Miss Leckie, 5th donation

£ s. d. Feb. 22nd-J. L. Spoor, Esq. Feb. 24th—Sergeants' Mess Depot, 3rd donation 5 0 0 £3476 16 6

The following letter has been received by Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Dalison: From No. 22775 Pte. P. J. Henry, "C" Company, 1st Garrison Battalion Essex Regiment (late RtW. Kents):—

M.E.F., 28th January, 1915.

Dear Sir,-May I take the liberty to thank you, on behalf of the privates of the above Battalion and late of the Royal West Kents, for the very useful and acceptable presents which we received from Captain Bonsor yesterday)at Mudros, West Lemnos. We all agree, after partaking of the ham and Christmas pudding, that it was the best meal we have had since we left England.

Will you please convey our heartiest thanks and best wishes to the organisers and subscribers and tell them that although we are a rough organisers and subscribers and tell them that atthough we are a rough old lot, many of us well over the age limit, we intend to keep up the reputation that the 1st Battalion Royal West Kents won in the early days of the war. Believe me to remain, your humble servant,

P. J. HENRY.

Lieut. A. Pye, to Dec., 1916.

GIFTS IN KIND.

Have been received from the following:-Mrs. Arthur Seligman.

The Maidstone and District Central Clothing Depot.

Miss E. M. Barrow.
Mrs. Witley.
Mrs. A Stewart Buckle,
Miss R. Wyles.

Feb. 18th-Lady Weare

Mrs. Nunn.

Mrs. Forestier-Walker.

Miss Corder. Mrs. E. F. Cobb. The Joint Political Committee (per K. McAlpine,

Esq.).

W. H. Le May, Esq. Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford.

Mrs. Buckle

Miss M. Norrington.

Miss Kate Pamplin.

Mrs. G. Seymour Brocklebank. Miss M. S. Walker, Headmistress the Roan School for Girls.

Mrs. Edgar Elgood.

Miss Mary Eigood

Mrs. Henry Ruffer.

Miss Birch-Reynardson

Miss M. Clinch

National Service Committee, Westerham (pe Mrs Busk).

Mrs. John Churchill

Yalding Manufacturing Co. (per J. L. Spoor, Esq.).

Mr. and Miss Johnston.

Mrs. Watts. Miss Bonhote

Miss Mann.

Mrs. Ryall.

Mrs. Trevenen Holland.

Mrs. Parrot and friends

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS Have been sent to the Battalions at the Front,

as specified:-

1st BATTALION.

Jan. 27th-One case, containing usual supply notepaper and envelopes

Jan. 31st-Two cases, containing 500 candles

Feb. 1st—20lbs, curry powder.
Feb. 4th—One case, 250 cakes soap.
Feb. 9th—Two typewriting ribbons.
Feb. 14th—Two cases, containing 500 candles.
Feb. 17th—Three bales, containing 36 bundles.

from the Roan School, and 5 dozen pairs socks and 1 dozen towels. Feb. 21st—Two cases, containing 500 candles.
All things sent this Battalion up to January
31st have been acknowledged.

2/4th BATTALION.

Jan. 8th—One bale of woollen goods, from Mayor of Herne Bay; four cases of comforts from Miss E. M Barrow, containing sweets, tins of cocoa, milk, sardines, Oxo, potted meats. biscuits, curry powder, jam, dub-

bin, etc., etc. Feb. 19th—Two bales, containing 300 pairs socks.

6th BATTALION.

Jan. 9th—One case of soap. Received.
Jan. 27th—One case of notepaper and envelopes Received.

Jan. 31st—Two cases of candles, 500. Received.
Feb 1st—20lbs. curry powder. Received.
Feb. 14th—Two cases of candles. Received.
7th BATTALION.

Jan. 27th—Monthly consignment of notepaper and envelopes.

Jan. 31st-Two cases candles.

Feb. 1st—20lbs. curry powder. Feb. 4th—One case soap (250 cakes).

Feb. 14th—Two cases candles. 8th BATTALION.

Jan. 12th-40 brown canvas waterproof bread bags.

Jan. 27th-One case of notepaper and envelopes Received.

Jan. 31st—Two cases candles. Received. Feb. 1st—20lbs. curry powder. Received. Feb. 4th—One case soap (250 cakes).

Feb. 14th-500 candles.

SALONIKA DETACHMENT.

Dec. 30th-One box soap (about 170 cakes), 350 candles.

Jan. 11th—One bale containing 50 pairs woollen gloves, 48 mufflers, 2 cardigans, 30 handkerchiefs, and some odds and ends; one bale, containing 156 pairs of socks, 21 cap comforters. 12 shirts, 2 footballs, 1 inflator and one lacer.

Feb. 5th—50 pipes. Feb. 12th—350 candles. Feb. 15th—10lbs. tobacco.

Feb. 17th-5,000 cigarettes.

Feb. 21st-350 candles.

LEMNOS DETACHMENT.

Jan. 29th-Three bales, containing 3 dozen vests, 5 dozen pants, 3 dozen pairs mitts, 8 dozen pairs woollen gloves. 10 dozen pairs socks, 28 towels, 2 footballs, 1 inflator and 1 lacer.

To avoid repetition it is not intended to con-

tinue publishing those consignments of goods which the Fund is sending monthly, such as curry powder and notepaper; and fortnightly. candles and matches; and to the Salonika De-tachment candles, matches, tobacco and cigarettes. Captain Bonsor has written desiring that the thanks of himself and all his N.C.O.'s and men may be expressed through the medium of the "Q.O.G." to all those who so kindly contributed to the Fund for providing comforts and Christmas fare for his Detach-

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID to "Q.O.G." Feb., 1916.

Mrs. N. E. Barker, to Dec., 1916. Hrs. N. E. Barker, to Dec., 1916.
Sergt. O. J. Rodgers, to Dec., 1916.
H. T. Kelland, to Dec., 1916.
L. F. Wilson, to Dec., 1916.
Major J. W. Jones, to Dec., 1916.
Col. E. T. Luck, to Dec., 1916.
Major-General C. E. Cumberland, C.B., to Dec., 1916. Capt. P. Wilson, to Dec., 1916.

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Capt. Stevenson, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. Nunn, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. S. J. Wilson, to June, 1916.
Mrs. Tillie, to Dec., 1916.
J. Ralphs, to Dec., 1916. Lieut. H. Evans, to Dec., 1 Major Roche, to Dec., 1916. 1916. Mrs. M. J. Dinwiddy, to Dec., 1916.
J. Blunt, to Dec., 1916.
C. Dowst, to June, 1916.
Q.M.S. Dodd, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. K. E. Jameson, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. Beer, to Dec., 1916.
Mr. W. Day, to Dec., 1916.
Lady G. Bazley-White, to Dec., 1916.
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Capt. W. O. Palmer, to Dec., 1917.
Capt. W. O. Palmer, to Dec., 1917. Capt. Heygate, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. W. F. Hannan, to Dec., 1916. Lieut-Colonel Isacke, C.M.G., to Dec., 1916. Mrs. Reece, to Dec., 1916 Mrs. K. Deering, to Dec., 1916. Lieut.-Col. Belgrave, to Dec., 1916. J. E. Wood, to Dec., 1916 N. Scott Hewit, to Dec., 1916. Major C. D. Barrow, to Dec., 1916. J. McGregor, to Dec., 1916. Rev. F. M. Etherington, to Dec., 1916. Rev. F. M. Etherington, to Dec., 1916.
Sergt.-Major J. Spooner, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. Bonham-Carter, to Dec., 1916.
W. G. Ball, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. W. Mallan, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. Dauncey, to Dec., 1916.
T. A. Hensley, to Dec., 1916.
B. E. Steel, to Dec., 1916.
Sergt. W. A. Fowler, to Dec., 1916.
W. Button, to Dec., 1916.
H. Saunders, to Dec., 1916.
Lieut.-Col. N. H. S. Lowe, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. Gilby, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. P. Hastings, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. P. Hastings, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. M. P. Buckle, to Dec., 1916.
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Mrs. Searight, to Dec., 1916.
G. Sillitoe, to Dec., 1916. Lieut.-Colonel Hildyard, D.S.O., to Dec., 1916. Lieut.-Colonel Hildyard, D.S.O., to Dec., E. Fitzhugh, to May, 1916.
P. M. Holloway, to June, 1918.
Mrs. C. L. Hatch, to Dec., 1916.
A. M. Bird, to Dec., 1916.
Major T. P. C. Smith, to Dec., 1916.
F. Sullivan, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. Locks, to March, 1916.
Mrs. Bates, to Dec., 1916.
Col.-Sergt, T. Callaghan, to Dec., 1916.
Major L. H. Hickson, to Dec., 1925. Major L. H. Hickson, to Dec., 1925. Co. S.M. J. Mobberley, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. O. B. Simpson, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. Brock-Hollinshead, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. Brock-Hollinshead, to Dec., 1916.
Sergt.-Major H. Gurr, to Dec., 1916.
Capt. L. Tuff, to Dec., 1916.
Lieut.-Col. T. T. Burt, to Dec., 1918.
H. N. Chick, to Dec., 1916.
Sergt. P. Whelan, to Dec., 1916.
Mrs. P. M. Robinson, to Dec., 1916.
Miss. P. Cole, to Dec., 1916. Miss D. Cole, to Dec., 1916.

Total £69 5 6

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mr. J. L. Spoor, Rede Court, Rochester, has kindly sent us the following letter from two of our prisoners of war, which he has received, among many others:—

From No. 8024 Co. Sergt.-Major A. Hutchings, 1st Battalion, 2nd January, 1916:—

Dear Sir,—We have many things to thank you for received since I last wrote, of which, first of all, is the gramophone now providing us with very pleasant pastime during the evenings. We are all very delighted with this, and listen very eagerly to the records. It is very kind of you to look after us as you do, and we all feel very grateful. Also many thanks for parcel received on December 24th, containing puddings, pipes, etc. The bread still arrives all right, and always reaches us in excellent condition, and is very nice.

I)wrote to the Depot last week to thank them for the cigarettes, tobacco and five shillings. Please give my best thanks to all, I did not know Co. S.M. Wood was there

The box of Keiller's preserves will probably arrive next week, when I will let you know.

I am still receiving some nice parcels from Mrs. Barrow and from the Mayor of Dover. If you are writing to either, will you please thank them again for their kindness.

Under the circumstances we had a very good Christmas, thanks to our parcels. which provided a good breakfast, dinner and tea. Sports were held in the afternoon, and a concert in the evening, and so we all went

With best wishes from us all for a happy New Year, and many thanks to all concerned for their kindness to us.—Yours sincerely,

A. HUTCHINGS.

From No. 7992 Pte. R. Woodcock, 1st Battalion:-

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must express my deepest thanks to you for all your kindness towards me and other men of the Regiment whilst in our present circumstances. I can assure you, sir, that we appreciate your parcels also, and it is a great consolation to know that we are not forgotten by the Old Country, and I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when we receive marching orders for home. It is a great comfort for us to know that we have. . . (erased by Censor).

As regards the bread parcels. I must say that they arrive here in good condition, and I would esteem it a great favour if you could manage. (erased by Censor).

Once more thanking you,-I remain, yours sincerely,

R. WOODCOCK.

LIEUT.-COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY.

Lieut.-Colonel Pedley writes:—"You may have seen that I have been wounded, only slightly, but the bullet is still in my thigh, so I am on my way to Busra to be X-rayed. Very lucky, really, as the bone is not touched, I believe, and no artery severed. It occurred on January 14th, during a field day (with bullets) against the Arabs. Our casualties were only five, including one killed."

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. F VENABLES.

Lieut.-Colonel Venables has been appointed Superintendent Recruiting Officer in the Southern Command, for Trade Testing duties, and is stationed at Portsmouth.

MR. HYDE'S PICTURE.

This picture, which has been on exhibition at the Bentlif Gallery in the Maidstone Museum, has proved a great attraction, and although admission is free, Mr. Hyde has collected £22 in voluntary contributions, which sum is to be devoted by him to helping the permanently disabled men of the Regiment It is needless to say how much we appreciate Mr. Hyde's generosity.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding Depot acknowledges the receipt, with thank, of the following Subscriptions:—

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut-Colonel J. D. Laurie, Commanding 3/4th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Frazer, Commanding 1/5th Battalion.

One Shilling per copy is offered for each of the following issues of this paper :-

September, 1914, 5 copies required.

October, 1914, 2 copies November, 1914, 1 copy February, 1915, 1 copy

May we remind our subscribers that their subscriptions are due in advance? With our January issue we sent out a slip drawing attention to this fact; and this month we are compelled to send another reminder to those who have not Many of these also are in arrears for responded, 67 in all. The amount due represents a sum of about 1914 and 1915. £15. In future should a subscription not be paid within two months after it is due, it will be assumed that no more copies of the paper are wanted, and the name will be taken off the

It may be as well to state that the publishers have, owing to increased cost of labour and materials—paper is now 50 per cent. dearer than it was-been compelled to advance their prices for the production of this paper, and consequently our monthly expenditure slightly exceeds our income. therefore, appeal to all officers of the Regiment to become subscribers for the year 1916; the officers of the 2/5th Battalion have already done so, for which we have thanked them. It is only 4/- a year!! This will also enable us to distribute more free copies to the wounded in hospital, and also to the relatives of the men who have given their lives for their King, their country and their Regiment, and who much appreciate receiving them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Captain W. J. Willis, who is now serving with the 21st Battalion Australian Infantry, sent us a very interesting letter, on which, however, the Censor's blue pencil fell very heavily, but we give an extract from it; it is dated Jan-

"Just before I received your letter we were not allowed to receive any letters at all. We then began to carry out a series of movements leading up to the evacuation of the Peninsula, although, of course, we did not know it at the time. Had the enemy been more smart with their air service they might have found out what we were doing. The restriction as to our correspondence was only relaxed on our arrival here a few days ago.

"Our manner of leaving Anzac was marching down to the beach at night

or early morning, embarking on lighters and being towed out to the transports, these took us to Lemnos, where the bulk of the M. E. F. were gathered, and it was on that island I spent Christmas and New Year's Day. I had the good fortune to see Major-General Western on Christmas Day and had tea with him, and through him we also found Brig.-General O'Dowda a few days afterwards, and I cannot tell you how pleased I was. There are a good number of Imperial Service men amongst the Australians. I have met two of 'The Queen's Own already, Pte. Rogers and Sergt. Old, the first passed all his service in the 2nd Battalion, while the latter was in India with the 1st Battalion, in H Company. I shall be glad if you will kindly remember me to any old friends who may enquire after me. 'The Queen's Own' will live in my heart till I die."

From Lance-Corporal E. Sharman, 1st Garrison Batt, Essex Regt., Mudros, Late 1799 R.W. Kent Regiment, 14th January, 1916.

Herewith a Copy of Orders relating to a gallant attempt to save the life of a comrade, made by Private Spensley, late of Royal West Kent (Spensley was transferred to Garrison Battalions last July from Fort Darland).

I am sending this thinking perhaps you may find a place for it in the "Queen's Own Gazette" as it appeared in Garrison Orders.

I am &c., E. SHARMAN.

INTERMEDIATE BASE ORDERS.

By BRIGADIER-GENERAL W. G. B. WESTERN, C.B. Commanding Intermediate Base, West Mudros, 10th Dec., 1915.

261. Act of Gallantry.

On the night of the 5th December, 1915. No. 22442, Private F. Careless, 1st Garrison Battalion, Essex Regiment, while working on a transport in Mudros Harbour fell overboard. On hearing the cry "man overboard," No. 23001 Private H. Spensley, 1st Garrison Battalion, Essex Regiment, at once took off his jacket and dived in after the drowning man (who was wearing an overcoat), got hold of him and brought him to the ship's side. Unfortunately a rope lowered from the ship was not long enough, and no boat arrived before the man slipped from his hands, and was drowned. Private Spensley was in the water for ten minutes, and deserves great credit for his gallant attempt to save his comrade's life. It was very dark at the time.

(A record of this act is to be entered in Pte, Spensley's Regimental Conduct

Sheet in accordance with K.R. 1919, xiv.)
G. F. LEVERSON, Colonel,

A.A. & O.M.G., Intermediate Base.

Published with Battalion Orders No. 104, dated December 11th, 1915, of 1st Garrison Battalion Essex Regiment.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Private H. Bramble, 4705, 1st Reyal West Kent Regiment, late of Faversham, who was reported missing after the battle of Hill 60 on April 23rd, 1915, in now believed to have been killed. He was 24 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child. Should this meet the eye of any comrade, tidings of him would be gratefully received by his wife, who is now residing at Claygate, Marden.

Mrs. A. Brown, 5, College Road, Northfleet, will be exceedingly grateful if any tidings can be sent to her of her husband, No. 5387 Private George William Brown, 7th Platoon, "B" Company, 8th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. Mrs. Brown received a field card (dated September 23rd) from him on September 26th. He took part in the great advance at Loos, and afterwards he was reported missing on September 25th. Since then she has received no news of him. If any of his comrades are able to send tidings concerning him they will be thankfully received by his anxious wife and children.

OUR SALONIKA DETACHMENT.

Lieutenant F. B. Le Cocq, who is with our detachment that is attached to the 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, writes as follows on December 15th, 1915, to Lieut-Colonel Dalison:—
"It was a great surprise to all of us to be sent here, instead of to the

2nd Battalion, but we have been very well treated and have no com-plaints. Any comforts you can send us will be welcomed, as the weather I read your letter to the detachment, and they were frightfully bucked to think they were not forgotten. Perhaps you may like to have a rough outline of what happened to us since we left England.

"Until we got to Mudros we had not the faintest idea where we were going. I asked the Military Landing Officer on our arrival at Salonika, and he did not know. However, we marched through the town up to the British Camp, and there found a guide who told us we were to go to the 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers. We were all given platoons to the 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers. We were all given platons of our own men. The following day Whitby, of the 3rd Battalion, went sick and left us. Five days later we were in action .I was then given command of a Company. The weather was very cold, and snow began to fall as we toiled over the mountains. We got in touch with the Bulgarians during a blizzard on a ridge called Kostuvino. I was on a hill called Dollymont. We could not dig a foot down, and had to build sangars. We remained in this line for some time, and were then put into reserve. Then the trouble began. The enemy were in great force.

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my company was sent out with orders, in case of a retrement, to hang on until the others could take up another position.

"The bombardment of the line went on for three days, and the Bulgars made four attacks, which were repulsed. We hung on to our positions all days, and fell back at dusk. We had two killed and eight wounded. The men behaved splendidly, and retired in good order. I met two Lance-corporals of mine carrying wounded down the ravine, with high explosive bombs falling round them. We fell back that night to another ridge, and then went into support. The following morning to another ridge, and then went into support. The following morning we were shelled, but only had two more casualties. The next day we took up another position and covered the retirement of the French. The next night we got orders to retire to Dorian; and finally entrained for Salonika, where we are at present. It was a trying time while it lasted. Originally there were seven of us officers, Wacher, Farnell, Jarvis. Waghorn, Whitby, Howorth and myself. At this moment only Wacher and myself remain. Jarvis got a slight wound in the wrist, and the other four are all sick."



Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, Commanding 2/4th Battalion.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE 97th REGIMENT.

Although the 97th which eventually became the present 2nd Battalion only had an unbroken record since 1824, there had been several regiments bearing that number previous to that date.

In most cases these regiments were specially raised to meet some crisis in our military history, and, as soon as the crisis had passed, the extra troops were disbanded.

The first 97th to be raised was "James Stuart's," on October 28th, 1760, and was known as the 97th Regiment of

Foot (1762 Army List).

In those days regiments were known alternatively by their

number or by the name of their commanding officer.

On March 29th, 1761, a force of about 8,000 troops, of which Stuart's 97th formed part, sailed from Spithead under the command of Major-General Hodgson, and on April 7th, anchored off the island of Belleisle, on the coast of France.

After one unsuccessful attempt, the coast defences were taken by storm, and on June 7th the Citadel surrendered, whereupon the island was turned into a base for the fleet blockading the French coast.

In 1762 the Regiment was disbanded, and the officers placed

on half-pay (1763 A.L.)

In 1779, "Stanton's" 97th was raised and again saw active service, being sent in January, 1780, to reinforce the garrison of Gibraltar which had been blockaded by the Spanish since June, 1779. The regiment served through the siege which lasted till February, 1783, when, upon the declaration of peace, it was disbanded once more.

The next 97th was "James Grant's," raised in February, 1794 (1795 Army List), but this regiment had only a brief existence, being disbanded in 1795 or early in 1796, the

officers being retained on full pay.

There is a tradition that during this phase of its existence, the 97th was known as the Strathspey Highlanders, but I have been unable to find any direct proof of this. Its origin is obviously due to the fact that the Strathspey Fencibles were raised by Sir James Grant in March, 1793 (Fencibles were regular corps raised for home defence only). this James Grant is the same who commanded the 97th in 1794 is uncertain, and it is an open question whether this similarity of name has led to confusion between two entirely different units, or whether Grant's Fencibles were in some way the immediate ancestors of Grant's 97th.

For the first seven years of its existence the next incarnation of the Regiment was not known by any number. On the capture of Minorca from Spain by General Charles Stuart in 1798 and the capitulation of its garrison, about 1,000 Swiss mercenaries who had been taken prisoners from the Austrian army in Italy by the French, and by them sold to the Spanish at two dollars a head, joyfully deserted to the British, and on December 26th were formed into a Battalion known as "Stuart's," or the "Minorca" Regiment. ("A Regiment of

Foot in the island of Minorca," 1799 A.L.)

Stuart's Regiment was then sent to Egypt, and formed part of General John Stuart's 5th or Foreign Brigade, serving with the expeditionary force under Sir Ralph Abercrombie. During this year (1801) the name of the Regiment was changed to "The Queen's German Regiment" (1802 A.L.) as its depleted ranks had been filled by German mercenaries.

During the battle of Alexandria (March 21st, 1801), the Regiment greatly distinguished itself by repulsing a charge of French cavalry. Opening its ranks to allow the horsemen to pass, the Regiment poured in a heavy fire as they galloped by, and then, reclosing the ranks, intercepted the returning squadrons and almost annihilated them. The casualties of the Regiment during the action were 13 officers and over 200

men, killed, wounded and missing.

It was during this action that Private Anthony Lutz captured a French cavalry standard, for which deed he was directed to wear a representation of a standard on his right arm (subsequently removed to the left breast), while a Regimental Order of Merit was instituted in commemoration of the incident for men who should specially distinguish themselves in action.

(Précis of "A Regimental Order in the Regiment of Minoeca or Stuart, now called the "Queen's German Regiment, 4th April, 1801.")

In 1805, the Regiment was placed on numerical roll of the British army and became the "97 (or Queen's German) Regiment of Foot "(1805 Army List), and in 1809, having lost most of its German blood, it was granted the new title of the "97th (or Queen's Own) Regiment of Foot" (1809

Its next active service was in the Peninsula where it took part in the battles of Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco and Albuhera, especially distinguishing itself at Vimiera, where it formed part of Austruther's Brigade, and was a close neighbour of

the 50th which was in Fane's Brigade.

In and about 1810, Captain Rumann of the 97 was one of the most enterprising and successful of Wellington's intelli-

gence officers.

In 1813, the 97th was permitted to bear on its Colours and and Appointments a Sphinx with the word "Egypt" in commemoration of the campaign of 1801 (1813 Army List), and in 1816 the word "Peninsula" was added to its honours (1816 Army List).

In the 1817 Army List the old 97th was renumbered the 96th and retained its battle honours under its new number,

while the old 98th now became the 97.

Both these regiments were disbanded on December 25th, 1818 (1819 Army List), but in 1874 the present 96th (raised again in 1824) received permission to bear the battle honours (" Egypt," "Peninsula,") borne by the old 96th at the time of its disbanding in 1818, although these honours had actually been won by the old 97th and borne by that regiment till the change of numbers in 1817, and only borne by the old 96th between that date and its disbanding in 1818.

On March 25th, 1824, the last 97th was raised at Winchester by Lieut.-Col. C. Hamilton, C.B. (1825 Army List). Its facings were sky blue with silver lace, and, being the only Regiment in the army with facings of this colour, was always

known as "The Celestials."

At first the Regimental Depot was at Winchester, and there is a very fine memorial window to the Regiment in Winchester Cathedral, together with a pair of the old Colours.

In 1827 the Regiment became the "97th, or Earl of Ulster's, and was permitted to bear the motto "Quo fas et gloria ducunt," one of the mottoes still borne by the Regiment.

From 1825 to 1836, the Regiment was stationed in Ceylon; from 1836 to 1841, in England and Ireland; from 1841 to 1847, in the Ionian Islands; from 1847 to 1848, in Malta; from 1848 to 1853, in Jamaica and Nova Scotia; from 1853 to 1854, in England again.

On May 19th, 1854, the Regiment sailed for the Piraeus, where they remained during the Summer, losing many men from cholera, and on November 20th, they landed in the

The 97th took an active part in the seige of Sevastopol, and distinguished itselt in the unsuccessful assault on .he Redan on September 8th, 1855.

During the seige of Sevastopol two Victoria Crosses were gained by the 97th, the details of which are given in the following extracts from the "London Gazette" of February

24th, 1857.

"Brevet-Major Charles Henry Lumley, for having distinguished himself highly by his bravery at the assault on the Redan, 8th September, 1855, being among the first inside the work, where he was immediately engaged with three Russian gunners reloading a field piece, who attacked him; heshot two of them with his revolver, when he was knocked down by a stone which stunned him for the moment, but on recovery, he drew his sword, and was in the act of cheering the men on, when he received a ball in his mouth which wounded him most severely."

"Sergeant John Coleman. Conspicuous for great coolness and bravery on the night of the 30th August, 1855, when the enemy attacked a "New Sap," and drove theworking party in; he remained in the open, perfectly exposed to the enemy's rifle pits until all around him had been killed or wounded.

He finally carried one of his officers, who was mortally wounded, to the rear."

After a short sojourn in England, the regiment was sent to India in 1857, where it served during the Mutiny, being present with Franks' column at the actions of Nusrutpore, Chauda, Sultanpore and Ameerapore, and joining Sir Colin Campbell's army in time to take part in the assault of the Kaiser Bagh and the final relief of Lucknow.

Returning home in 1869, it served in England, Ireland, the West Indies and Nova Scotia, and in 1880 it proceeded to

Natal.

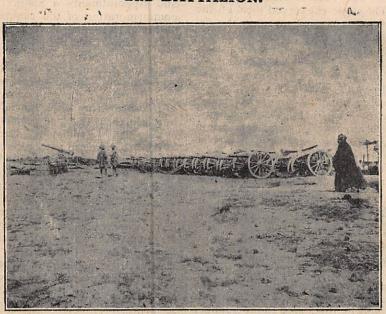
It served with the Natal Field Force during the Transvaal War, and the Headquarters of the regiment reached the British camp at Mount Prospect only a few days after the disaster at Majuba Hill (February 27th, 1881), leaving strong detachments at Ingagane and the Biggarsberg.

This was its final appearance as the 97th, as on July 1st, 1881, it was amalgamated with the 50th to form the present

Regiment.

News from the Battalions.

2nd BATTALION.



17 GUNS CAPTURED AT NASARIYEH ON JULY 24th, 1915. Large one fired lyddite shells, the remainder are 15 pounders.

January 23rd, 1916.

It seems but a month or so ago that we were complaining of the terrible heat of Mesopotamia, and now our troubles are the reverse. Last night we had a snowstorm followed by a blizzard, and from the fact that this morning we found all the ration cattle dead, you can imagine the night must have been a bad one. It is reported that some of the

Native troops died from cold and exposure. This kind of life is bad enough in tents, but for the men on duty in the trenches it is worse.

During the last month we have heard practically nothing from our half battalion at Kut, excepting that they have had a few more casualties. The Battalion has been transferred to the 34th Brigade, under the com-

mand of Brigadier-General Tidswell, D.S.O.

Once again we are on the desert—this time somewhere between the Euphrates and the Tigris, and have been here for a fortnight. On the 14th January General Gorringe was out with a patrol, when they ran into a large force of hostile Arabs and were practically surrounded. Mounted orderlies were sent into camp for assistance, and our Headquarter wing turned out in quick time with some Native Battalions. An hour or so later they were up to the front, and had a sharp little skirmish. In this fight we had a few casualties with one killed-Musician H. Goldingand it is with the deepest regret we have thus to report the death of another brave young soldier. He was assisting to carry a wounded comrade back from the firing line when he was struck. Musician Golding had been mentioned in despatches previously for conspicuous work as a stretcher-bearer, and our sympathy goes out to his relatives. His body was brought into camp, and on the following day was buried with full honours.



CONSECRATION OF OFFICERS' GRAVES BY BISHOPEOF LAHORE.

2nd BATTALION (continued).

Lieut.-Colonel Pedley was also among the casualties, and was a wonderful example of coolness and pluck. An Arab bullet struck him in the thigh and stayed there, yet the Colonel refused to be carried on a stretcher and walked back four miles to camp. He would have remained with the firing line but for the firmness of our Medical Officer, who insisted on his going back. For two days the weather was so bad that no convoy could be sent into Nasiriyah, but on the third the Colonel left with about 30 other wounded. He rode a transport mule for twelve miles—a no mean performance with over an ounce of lead embedded in one's leg. All ranks turned out and cheered him as he mounted his mule with a "Who'a blood" to steady the nervous little animal, and with a cheery smile and "Thank you, boys" he left us. That he may have a safe and speedy recovery is the sincere wish of all.

Major Woulfe Flanagan has assumed command of the Battalion.

Nothing very exciting has happened since the fight on the 14th, and from reports of the Arab casualties there is not likely to be a repetition of the occurrence, for it is estimated from local reports that theirs were seven times greater than ours.

The following have been killed since my last letter, and we offer our condolences to their relations:—No. 1976 Pte. A. Rule, 1/5th Batt.; No. 9510 Pte. H. Rogers, No. 9119 Pte. G. Martin, No. 9514 Musician H. Golding.

We still have hopes of joining up with our other half battalion, and if rumours are worth anything this may shortly happen.

Any readers who correspond with members of the 2nd Battalion should note that the address is now 3th Philosoft instead of 10th 10th.

should note that the address is now 34th Brigade instead of 12th. This will ensure a more prompt delivery of correspondence.

The Band Boys of the 2nd Battalion, under Bandmaster A. W. D. Hunt, left the Depot on the 3rd inst. for Shoreham-on-Sea, where they will be attached to the 9th Battalion.



MAJOR KITSON8CONVEYING TO THE MEN MAJOR-GENERAL MACNAB'S APPRECIATION OF THE GALLANT CONDUCT OF THE BATTALION.

3rd BATTALION.

We had a sudden depletion of Officers, the following leaving the Battalion on the same day, prior to embarking for Mesopotamia:—Captain C. Tuff, Captain Wilberforce Bell, Captain Herman, Captain Henderson O. R. Nicholas, Lieut. F. L. Bassett, 2nd Lieut. Southan, 2nd Lieut. Northey, 2nd Lieut. Vine Stevens, 2nd Lieut. Huggan, 2nd Lieut. Bradley, 2nd Lieut. Tankard, 2nd Lieut. Burns, 2nd Lieut. Henn, 2nd Lieut. Hilder, 2nd Lieut. Lees, 2nd Lieut. Booth, 2nd Lieut. Chadwick. 2nd Lieut. Cane, 2nd Lieut. Chester, 2nd Lieut. Tindall.

Captain Wilberforce Bell, 2nd Lieuts. Bradley, Northey, Tindall, Huggan and Vine Stevens have been posted to the 2nd Batt.

The following Officers re-joined the Battalion during the same period: Captain Russell, from sick leave from E.F.; Captain Wheeler, from Ordnance Corps; Lieut. Borland, from sick leave from E.F.; Lieut. Pattisson, from sick leave from E.F.; 2nd Lieut, Jarvis, from sick leave from E.F.; 2nd Lieut, Siddeley, from R.F.C.; 2nd Lieut, Dyer, from sick leave.

2nd Llents, Waring, Cooksey, Smellie, Unwin and Maxwell on first

appointment

Lieut. H. B. White, D.S.O., is under orders to join the Egyptian Army. We have sent several drafts during the month to the 6th and 7th

1/4th BATTALION.

So far we have not yet received our December numbers of the "Gazette," and this unusual delay makes us think that the parcel must have gone down with the "Persia." Our disappointment in not receiving these is, of course, enhanced by the fact that we have been given to understand that the number contained a portrait of our C.O.

My last contribution, I think, dealt with the termination of our month's Battalion training at Baragarh, and also referred to the Christmas and New Year festivities of the Battalion after its return to barracks. Since that time we have reverted to the general routine of garrison life with its somewhat monotonous round of daily parades, guards, etc., etc. An early start has, however, been made with this year's musketry, and already "A" Company have completed their course, while at the time of writing "D" Company have reached the classification stages. It is hoped to get the whole Battalion through before the hot weather sets in. But already the days are beginning to warm up, and although the general climatic conditions are almost as perfect as one could wish, the noticeably increasing temperatures of the middleday remind one of the heat that will be with us in another couple of short months.

Preparations are now being made for a fourteen day scheme of Brigade manœuvres to take place at the end of the present month. The arrangements are still more or less in the air, but so far as they have gone they are expected to be participated in by most of the troops of the Garrison, both European and native, and also by our own 5th Battalion from Jhansi. It was at first thought that the whole force would leave barracks and establish their headquarters at Barella, some ten miles away, but various difficulies to this scheme have presented themselves, and it will probably be abandoned and the manœuvres take place immediately around the Jubbulpore district. Should this be the case, the 5th Battalion will be encamped on the football grounds adjoining the barracks.

The Sergeants gave another very successful dance in the Gymnasium on Wednesday of last week, which was graced by the presence of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Watney, Miss Crew, and a number of the officers of the Battalion, and other units in the station.

Several officers are away on leave at the time of writing, including Captain Cheale, Captain Stone, Lieut. Styles and Lieut. Hartree. During the absence of Lieut. Cheale, Lieut. Nash is carrying out the duties of Adjutant. Lieut. Wingfield-Stratford, who was married in Bombay at the latter end of December, has returned to the station with Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford at the conclusion of their honeymoon.

With the increased facilities that are at our disposal now that the Battalion training and Christmas are things of the past, sport is again occupying a keener and increasing amount of interest, and all are looking forward to the contests for the Garrison football and hockey cups. The Sergeants, too, have at last managed to turn out a football team, and have played quite a number of matches with varying success. Against the Corporals recently they were first of all successful by three goals to one, but in a subsequent match suffered defeat by no less a margin than six to one. On Tuesday of this week they played an interesting and amusing game against the Officers, which attracted a big crowd of spectators, and in which they were successful by three goals to one. The teams were:-

Officers : Goal, Captain Robinson; backs, Lieut. Craig and 2nd Lieut. Wilson; half-backs, Lieut. Nash, Capt. Locket and Lieut. Armitage; forwards, Capt. Watney, Lieut. Rooker, Capt. Bourne, Lieut. Swanston, and 2nd Lieut. Douglas.

Sergeants: Goal, Sergt. Stillman; backs, Co. Sergt.-Major Harden and Sergt. Rogers; half-backs, Sergt. Court, C.Q.M.S. Corke and Sergt. Paige; forwards, Sergts. Francis, Rabbitt, Gardiner, Boyce and Rowe.

2/4th BATTALION.

We left Suvla Bay on December 13th, and whilst there were fortunate to meet Major-General Western, C.B., Brigadier-General O'Dowda and Lieutenant-Colonel Hildyard, D.S.O. Also our old friend Band Sergeant Sonnenburg, who is now a Company Sergeant Major in the Cheshires, in the

same division as ourselves.

We are now "somewhere in Egypt," and soon after our arrival were glad to welcome back our Commanding Officer, Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., and to see how thoroughly he had recovered from his wound. Colonel Vaughan, of the Devons, who was in temporary command during his

absence, has now left us.

Major Smithers has also returned to us from sick leave, as well as 65
 W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men.
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The Battalion has earned a great reputation in the Division and it has well upheld the name of The Queen's Own.

The Sergeants held a smoking concert last month, in the Sergeants' Mess. to which the Officers of the Battalion were invited, and they turned up full strength. Sergeant-Major T. Mantle took the chair The programme of the evening was as follows:—Toast, "The King"; song, selected, Sergeant Strouts; song, "Never let your braces dangle in the mud," Sergeant spaile; song, "Loch Lomond," Sergeant O. R. C. Perrin; song, "When the Ebb Tide Flows," Sergeant Court. Toast, "Our Officers," was proposed by the Chairman coupled with the name of Colonel Simpson.

The Chairman on behalf of the Sergeants thanked the Officers for their

The Chairman on behalf of the Sergeants thanked the Officers for their presence and hoped that it would not be the last time by a good many that the members had the pleasure of their company. The colonel ably responded, thanking the Sergeants for the way in which they drank the health of the Officers, and stated he was pleased to be back with them, and to tell them he had recovered from his wound. Also how very pleased he was to hear from everybody how well the Battalion had behaved and what a good

name it had made for itself.

Songs were given by Company Sergeant-Majors Fricker and Golder, Company Quarter-Master Sergeant Highland, Sergeant Donovan and Sergeant trouts. Toast, "Sister Regiments," was proposed by the Chairman, who said he had a very hard job to talk about the Sister Regiments, West and East Kents as he had never been in the East Kents, "The Buffs," and had never soldiered near them until he was dropped at Cambridge with two companies of West Kents and two companies of Buffs. But if any body wanted to know the history he would ask Company Sergeant-Major Palmer to talk about the West Kent, and Company Sergeant-Major Relf about the East Kent. But still one only had to visit the Church at Maidstone and see the old relics of the West Kents, and Canterbury Cathedral, and you had the honour and glory of both regiments told.

Company Sergeant-Major Relf, 2/5th Buffs, responded for the Buffs, and Company Sergeant-Major Relf, 2/5th Buffs, responded for the Buffs, and could be held sold in the strength of the Buffs, and sold be held sold in the strength of the Buffs, and sold be held sold in the strength of the Buffs, and

said he had soldiered with the West Kents in India, and he had always got on very well with them, and still better now. There was only one thing that he hoped for, and that when the war was over they would let this Battalion remain as it is, and not break it up but let it be drawn from both East and

West Kent.

Company Sergeant-Major Palmer, "West Kent," briefly responded for the Royal West Kent Regiment.

Company Sergeant-Major Relf was in great request with his comic song The Jammy Tambstane."

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and at 10 p.m. we sang the "King The following Officers are now serving with the Battalion :-

Major H. Smithers, 2nd in Command. Captain F. Johnson, Acting Quartermaster. aptain G. H. Palmer, E.S.O., Captain Alexandria.

Gaptain W. C. Lamarque, Staff-Captain 160th Brigade.

Captain R. T. Taunton. Captain R. I. Taunon.

" G. Dowling.
" P. Thompson.
Lieut. H. I. de B. Wilson, Adjutant.
" L. E. Wilson, Brigade M.G.O.,

160th Brigade.

Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D., Lieut. C. J. Wood. Commanding. "C. F. Harvard. L. Dunkerley, Signalling Officer. E. T. L. Baker, N. H. Evans.

2nd-Lieut. M. R. Le Fleming. J. C. Cobb. R. S. Cobb. C. T. Bailey

C. C. Newington. S. Nicoll. R. A. Bone. C. Hodgson. E. G. Griffin.

1/5th BATTALION.

I much regret to announce the death of No. 1976 Private A. Rule in Mesopotamia on January 13th, killed in action. We are now in the midst of the cold weather, average of 89 degrees

temperature and a great deal of practical training, Company and Battalion, is being gone through as the last previous to proceeding to the

Persian Gulf (?). Who said rumours?
The G.O.C. 5th Division, General Lloyd Payne, carried out a thorough inspection of the Battalion, covering three days, during January, and I am pleased to state his opinion of the Battalion, that of its being ready for active service, which is rather gratifying to all ranks. Also the Battalion has lately carried out "Kitchener's Test," and this, as the name would imply, is a very practical one; ask those whose footsoreness has not altogether yet disappeared. The marks allotted to us is not vet known, as it has only just been completed, but we understand from the Brigadier that we have come through rather well. Some very slight wounds were received "in action" during the night operations, principally

in the heart, in most cases due to the sufferers having been forced to hear muffled oaths "breathed" whilst stumbling among the rocks at mid-

night at Bhagwonpura.

amongst other things, is now in full swing Preliminary musketry, as a forerunner of the 1916-17 Annual Course, and all ranks are becoming very proficient in the art of bayonet fighting, and we are hoping to have the opportunity before long of piercing a few fat-bellied Germans or Turks or others of our "friends" that may be up against us.

Having a Brigadier who is particularly hot stuff on training and also on sport, everything is being done to get everyone to take part in some sport or other, he realising, as all should do, that generally speaking the finest soldiers are the finest sportsmen also.

Our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Fraser, and Major C. D. Clark attended a refresher course of musketry at Poona from 5th to

15th January.

Lieut. J. P. Carvosso, Sergt. C. F. Mills and Corpl. O. Ashton have attended a further course of physical training at Poona, and attained the qualifying standard. Lieut. Carvosso and Corpl. Ashton also qualified in swimming.

2nd Lieut. K. O. Smithers and Sergt.-Instructor W. Gillespie qualified at the 6th Course of Musketry at Satara both in musketry and machine gun. The latter has also obtained a certificate of proficiency in the Care and Repair of Machine Guns and M.L.E. Short Arms Mark III. at Kirku.

3/5th BATTALION.

Cambridge, 21st February, 1916.

We are still hard at work—and play—for notwithstanding a fully occupied time during the hours of training, sufficient time for a little recreation or amusement can be found to counteract the fatigue of mind or body for those who desire it.

One of the chief events of the week is the Saturday afternoon soccer match. So far the team has an excellent record, for the 3/4th Buffs so far are the only ones to lower our colours. The 3/8th Middlesex gave us a good game in the League with a score of 3—2 in our favour, but the

3/5th Buffs had to submit to a 10-0 defeat.

Last Saturday's match, however, was the best match of all, for the 3/1st Kent Cyclists have maintained an unbroken record in the Divisional League, and when within the first ten minutes they were three goals to the good it appeared as if the Fifths would share a similar fate to previous opponents of the Wheelers. However, by half-time the Fifths had reduced the lead by two, and with the equaliser in the second half things looked rosy, but though the Fifths struggled keenly for the winning shot, it never came.

R.S.M. Spooner is very keen upon making life enjoyable during the time when work is put aside for the day, and now that the Sergeants' Mess is in full working order there will be some entertaining moments, for he has commenced by challenging the 3/4th Buffs' Sergeants at running football, tug of war, shooting, rowing, etc., and February 25th will be a gala day, for that is the day fixed for most of the events. Tonight Officers and Sergeants are shooting against the Officers and Sergeants of the Buffs, and the scores will be given next month.

A few days ago the Officers and Sergeants were on the miniature range in friendly rivalry, and to the Sergeants' chagrin the Officers won by six points. The scores were: 2nd Lieut. Hutchison 50, 2nd Lieut. Southerton 49, 2nd Lieut. Fry 48, ,2nd Lieut. Southerton 47, 2nd Lieut. Vaughan 47, 2nd Lieut. Fry 48, 2nd Lieut. Southerton 47, 2nd Lieut. Vaughan 47, 2nd Lieut. Bennett 43, Lieut. and Quartermaster A. Beer 40, Lieut. Biggs 39; total 363. Sergeants: R.S.M. Spooner 50, C.S.M. Anderson 50, Sergt. Geogehan 48, Q.M.S. Cook 42, Sergt. A. E. Wheeldon 44, Sergt. S. West 42, Sergt. J. Shipp 41, C.S.M. Davies 49.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, Brigadier-General C. W. Gartside-Spaight will inspect the Battalion.

The Musketry Squad, which has just finished its course, has proved the best in the Division, and the Officers, who also fired a course after the Musketry Squad, have upheld the honour of the Battalion, notwithstanding some very trying conditions, which included, on one day, shooting with at least four inches of snow on the ground.

6th BATTALION.

19th February, 1916.

A series of concerts, boxing meetings, soccer and rugger matches, and some hard training, sums up the doings of the Battalion since we last wrote. The Sergeant-Major's capacity for merry-making and entertaining has increased enormously. We had an excellent boxing meeting some while ago; a detailed report is subjoined. We've had the Divisional Concert Party to amuse us more than once, and their fund of humour is an excellent tonic. Regimental concerts, too, have been numerous, as the titles of some of the items have been unique.

Our training has been proceeding-and wonderful have been the results. The new Brigadier-General's expression of his immense satisfaction was a great compliment to the Battalion. We dare not repeat his words for print, for the other Battalions would get jealous. He could not have

given us higher praise.

We're about to go to the trenches again-to a spot none too select, but a spot which is dear to a great many of uls.

Herewith an account of a Boxing Tournament and programme of two concerts:-

Under the patronage of Brigadier-General C. A. Fowler, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding Officer, and Officers of the Battalion, an excellent Boxing Tournament was held "Somewhere in France" while the days of February were young, and the Battalion was enjoying a well-earned rest if such it may be termed.

Facilities in the past have not allowed the opportunity of weeding out the fighting stock, but under the auspices of Lieut. H. C. Harris, Sergeant-Major G. Allen, and a very able Committee—those showing aptitude for the sport-were soon rounded up and an excellent programme decided upon.

Item No. 1, a Novices' Competition (9 to 10 stone) proved most interesting, Corpl. Munchin, after two tough fights and sparring a bye,

proving victorious.

In an Exhibition Spar between Lance-Corpl. Tabor, who has, in the past, fought for the 9-Stone Championship of England, and Pte. Ball, some peculiar and interesting rounds were witnessed, and Tabor's knack of turning his man after a clinch was most amusing.

The Regimental Open Competition had four entries, Corpl. Brooker meeting Pte. Sears in the first bout. The vigour with which Brooker commenced the business soon overcame Sears, who was knocked out in the first round.

In the second bout Pte. Bates got the better on points of Pte. Britton. This item showed some excellent boxing, and some very hard

punishment was taken by both.

The final proved even more interesting, as the combatants, Corpl. Brooker and Pte. Bates, were excellently matched. Hard and fast fighting was the aim from the first, and it appeared that the judges were going to be faced with a problem to differentiate between the two; but in the third and last round the strain of the previous fight began to tell upon Bates, and Corpl. Brooker was declared the winner.

A four round contest between Lance-Corpl. Abrahams and Pte. Dix ended in the former being declared the winner. This contest which, it was hoped, would be a real good show, absolutely fell to the ground, and after but a few seconds of the first round all interest was lost, it

being obvious that the contestants were not trying.

The next item, 10 to 11-Stone Novices' Competition, had four entries, both bouts being real fine shows. On the referee's decision in the first, Pte. Maloney won from Pte. Steers after a very good contest. Most unfortunately Pte. Maloney hurt his knee during the bout, and although

winning, had to retire from the competition.

The second bout, between Sergt. Morris and Pte. Johnson, was undoubtedly the show of the evening. Here we saw the young blood in Johnson and the "old stager" in Morris. Hard hitting and real fighting were the features of the match, and more than once it seemed that neither would finish the three rounds. However, the energies of clever seconds and a "won't be done" spirit in both kept them going until time was called in the last round, when the referee declared Pte. Johnson the

Owing to Maloney retiring, Johnson won the competition and Morris was awarded the prize for the best loser-and he deserved it.

Next we saw some very amusing fun in a blindfold exhibition be-tween C.Q.M.S. Clarke and Sergt. Dale. Punching the air was the chief feature, but when at last they did come together, and after a scramble. Dale had a very black look! (possibly owing to the presence of soot), and Clarke wore a mask of flour! It made a change from the usual, and un-

doubtedly delighted the patronisers. The next, and chief item of the evening, was a 6 Round 11-Stone Contest between C.S.M. Fisher, 6th Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment, and Pte. Harrison, a man who had recently joined us with a draft from the 3rd Battalion. Interest was centred on this contest, as we had seen C.S.M. Fisher in the ring before, and to a certain extent knew him, and realised the job Harrison was undertaking. Anyhow, Harrison knew he was up against it, and acted accordingly. When time was called in the first round, neither benefited by the exchanges, it being apparent that both were feeling their way. The second round ended in Harrison's favour, he having landed a couple of nasty jabs to the jaw, and kept his man on the turn the whole time. In the third and fourth rounds Fisher appeared a real pugilistic busy bee, keeping Harrison on the go the whole time, and by his constant attacks mastered both rounds.

Number five was the most exciting, it being evident that Harrison had found a weak spot. Towards the end of the round a grunt from Fisher was heard, proving that Harrison's right had had its effect on the stomach. The remaining seconds of this round weren't quite understood, as Fisher hung on, and Harrison didn't seem to want to push him off. Had he done so, and followed up his opportunity, it would have been fatal for Fisher, but Harrison's right hand was weak and possibly couldn't manage to repeat the onslaught. When time was called the round was undoubtedly in Harrison's favour.

The last meet saw both men itching for an opportunity which never

came, and when time was called neither could be said to have gained the advantage.

After careful decision by the referee, a drawn match was announced,

and by the tune of the onlookers everybody was satisfied.

As far as the boxing was concerned this ended the programme. Brigadier-General Fowler distributed the prizes, and all retired after thoroughly enjoying a good evening's sport.

Our thanks are due to the Committee, viz.: Lieut. H. C. Harris, Sergt.-Major G. Allen, Q.M.S. Murphy (timekeeper), C.S.M.'s Hibbett, Davidson and Harris, and C.Q.M.S. Clarke, for the admirable manner in which everything was carried out, and to Lieut-Colonel C. S. Owen, D.S.O. (referee), and 2nd Lieuts. Hudson and Hill (judges), for their esteemed services.

6th (SERVICE) BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Thursday, February 3rd, 1916.

1.—Novices' Competition (9st. to 10st.).—Pte. Beaumont (9st. 71b.) v. Corpl. Munchin (9st.); Pte. Gale (9st. 9lb.) v. Pte. Toomey (9st. 12lb.); Lance-Corpl. Delaney (9st. 10lb.) v. Pte. Bloomfield (9st. 12lb.).

2.-Exhibition Spar.-Lance-Corpl. Taber v. Pte. Ball.

3.—Regimental Open Competition (10st. to 11st.).—Corpl. Brooker (10st. v. Pte. Sears (10st.); Pte. Britton (11st.) v. Pte. Bates (10st. 10lb.). 4.—Contest (four two minute rounds).—Lance-Corpl. Abrahams (10st.

8lb.) v. Pte. Dix (10st.).

5.-Novices' Competition (10st. to 11st.) .- Pte. Steers (10st. 6lb.) v. Pte. Maloney (10st. 8lb.); Pte. Johnson (10st. 6lb.) v. Sergt. Morris (10st. 1lb.).

6.—Second Round,-Novices, 9st. to 10st.

7.—Blindfold Boxing Exhibition.—C.Q.M.S. Clarke v. Sergt. Dale. 8.—Great Special Six Round 11st. Contest.—C.S.M. Fisher (Royal West Surrey Regiment) v. Pte. Harrison (Royal West Kent Regiment).

9.-Finals.-1 Open Competition; 2 Novices, 9 to 10 stone; 3 Novices,

Referee, Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Owen, D.S.O.; Judges, 2nd Lieut. Hudson and 2nd Lieut. Hill; timekeeper, R.Q.M.S. Murphy; M.C., R.S.M. Allen; Seconds, Lance-Corpl. Tabor, Ptes. Murphy, Roberts and Gould. Committee: Lieut. H. C. Harris, R.S.M. Allen, R.Q.M.S. Murphy, C.S.M.'s Hibbett, Davidson and Harris, C.S.M.S. Clarke.

Doors open 5 p.m. Commence 5.30 p.m. Prices of admission: 3frs., 2frs.,

0.50cts., 0.20cts.

26th January, 1916.

Overture, "Popular Choruses," C.Q.M.S. Mills (piano), Corpl. Wood Overfure, "Popular Choruses," C.Q.M.S. Mills (piano), Corpl. Wood (piccolo), Lance-Corpl. Nodburn (bones), Pte. Crowhurst (banjo); song. "Daddy," Lance-Corpl. Hussey, R.W.K.; song, "I like it in the Frenchy Style," Pte. Short, R.W.K.; monologue, "The Ballad of Splendid Silence." A.M. Rigg, R.F.C.; song, "Asleep in the Deep," Sergt. Roe, R.W.K.; song, "Have Another Go," Pte. Crowhurst, R.W.K.; song, "The Ragtime Jockey Man," A.M. Noyce, R.F.C.; song, "When Father was Mother for a Day," A.M. White, R.F.C.; song, "The Ragtime Ragpickers," A.M. Reid, R.F.C.; boxing, exhibition sparring, Sergt. Dale, R.W.K., and Pte. Harrison, R.W.K.; song, "It's All Right in the Summer Time," A.M. Liddiard, R.F.C.; song, "My Little Grey Home in the West," Sergt. Rose, R.W.K.; song, "Sausages 4d. a Pound." Corpl. Wood, R.W.K.; song, R.W.K.; song, "Sausages 4d. a Pound," Corpl. Wood, R.W.K.; song, "Mr. Johnson," Lance-Corpl. Hussey, R.W.K.; song, "Archibald, Certainly Not," A.M. Liddiard, R.F.C.; monologue, "The Cream Proceedings of the Corp." Not," A.M. Liddlard, R.F.C.; monologue, "The Green Eyes of the God," A.M. Rigg, R.F.C.; song, "If the Man in the Moon was a Coon," A.M. Liddlard, R.F.C.; song, "You'll Come Back," A.M. Noyce, R.F.C.; song, "I've Brought the Coal," Pte. Crowhurst, R.W.K.; "God Save the King."

4th February, 1916.

Overture, "Popular Airs," C.Q.M.S. Mills; song, "Lindy Loo," R.S.M. Allen; sing, "Pipery Pop," C.Q.M.S. Mills; song, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," Sergt. Rose; song, "Mrs. B.," Sergt. Dale; song, "My Heart is With You To-night," Corpl. Marsh; song, "Boosed, Boosed, Pote, Hammond; song, "Down the Vale," Crpl. Marsh; monologue, "A Message from the Trenches to the Strikers," C.S.M. Harris; song, "The Shamrock, Thistle and Rose," Pte. Hammond; song, "The Village, Purp." C.O.M.S. Thistle and Rose," Pte. Hammond; song, "The Village Pump," C.Q.M.S. Mills; song, "The Little Pub Round the Corner," Pte Crowhurst; song, "The Old Apple Tree," Lance-Corpl. Collins; song, "Nuts and May," Corpl. Wood; song, "Come, Sing to Me," R.S.M. Allen; song, "Yiddle on Your Fiddle," Pte. Short; song, "Thora," Pte. Reubens; song, "As Soon as I Go to Bed," Pte. Roberts; "God Save the King."

7th BATTALION.

The incredible has happened: the Seventh is actually in rest. After six months close, if not loving, study of dawns, sunsets, and the many divers kinds of mud, of Boches and smaller beasties, behold us once more bedded and boarded almost as beseemeth Christian men.

Not that the grass grew beneath our feet; lest "demonstration Battalions that don't demonstrate" should haply be added to a copious vocabulary we know. But such a burnishing of buttons and fan-faronading of bugles; parade grounds that out-bellow Bashan and sentries of a grimness that seems to have just doffed a Pickelhaube; such flutterings of newly-resurrected "Infantry Trainings"—that one half expects every moment to turn the corner on the flats of Purfleet or breast the rise of Stony Hill. Perhaps Jean Jaques at his cottage door whispers to Jeannette, "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." No, Jean Jaques, but it will be.

Unfortunately-especially at such a time as this-we have lost Captain G.R.O.'s and age limits are no respecters of persons, unluckily; but neither G.R.O.'s nor age limits can ever rob the Battalion of the fruit of those eighteen months' quiet vigour or of the memory of the cheery optimism that went with it. Lucky Ninth!

8th BATTALION.

Any information regarding what happened during, and after, the advance on September 26th, 1915, to the following Officers, who were reported wounded and missing will be gratefully received by their rela-

MAJOR L. BROCK-HOLLINSHEAD,

Address to:

Mrs. Brock-Hollinshead,

Ardvarna, Oughterard, co. Galway.

CAPTAIN A. C. EDWARDS,

Address to:

Mrs. Corbett Edwards, Donehurst, Folkestone.

2nd LIEUT. A. N. HARRIS,

Address to:

A. T. Harris, Esq.,

Woodside, Crofton Lane. Orpington.

9th BATTALION.

As foreshadowed in our last notes, we have lost the Y.O.C., who took their departure in the beginning of the month, and are now located at Moore Park, Fermoy, in the sister island. We hear that the general verdict is that the delights of Ireland have been very much overrated, and most of our juniors have come to the conclusion that are worse places than Shoreham (with Brighton and Worthing thrown in), but we do not doubt that their training will benefit by the change of locality, owing partly to the lack of counter-attractions.

Drafts of both officers and men have left us during the month for various quarters. One party consisting of 2nd Lieuts. Hopkins, Wade, Bozman, Heppenstall and Gregson going to the Mediterranean; and another with Lieut. Skinner, 2nd Lieuts. Martyn, Phipps, Stanton and others joining their comrades in France. We have also supplied about 50 trained men to the 10th Battalion, where they were made welcome, and will, we think, prove a credit to us and to their new Battalion.

The destination of the Championship of the Brigade Competition is now practically settled in favour of the Royal Sussex, with the 15th now practically settled in favour of the Royal Sussex, with the 18th Middlesex next on the list, with ourselves a good third, having this month scored a couple of wins, v. Queen's 2—0 and East Surrey 8—2, and been soundly trounced by the leaders 1—6, who thus avenged their early season defeat by us. With the close of the Competition we are reviving Company matches, and the Hon. Secretaries are appealing for old football boots. These are to be kept in stock, and loaned to the players as occasion arises. We shall be glad if anyone possessing these lines will send us on any they have no further use for, also any these lines will send us on any they have no further use for, also any old cricket tackle will be thankfully received. Address: Officer in Charge of Sports. 9th Royal West Kent, Shoreham-by-Sea.

A series of three lectures on Bombing, as now practised at the Front, were delivered to the Officers of the Brigade by 2nd Lieut. M. H. Carre, 6th Royal West Kent, who has lately come to us from France. The lectures were very successful, interesting, and of great practical

We are pleased to note that 2nd Lieut. R. S. Hebbelthwaite, of this Battalion, has been appointed Grenade Officer to the Brigade.

SHOOTING.

A keen competition took place on the Miniature Range on the 23rd inst., for the cup presented by Lieut.-Colonel Burt, between teams consisting of two officers, four N.C.O.'s and six privates selected from each Company. Considerable interest was shewn in the event and some good shooting resulted. "B" Company succeeded in winning the trophy, but the scores of the first three teams were fairly close, the following being the final figures:—B Co. 604, D Co. 593, A Co. 592, C Co. 466. Two of "C" Company's team did not fire.

Towards the end of last month Lieut.-Colonel Daniell was fortunate in being afforded the opportunity of visiting the trenches at the Front, "somewhere in France." The party, which consisted of about 24, had a very interesting and instructive tour in the trenches and neighbourhood, and the weather on the whole was favourable.

Another of those enjoyable functions-a smoking concert-took place Another of those enjoyable functions a shoring content—too mate the Sergeants' Mess on January 26th, under the genial chairmanship of Sergt. Major McVicar. On the kind invitation of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, several Officers were present. The programme was quite up to the usual standard, most of the old favourites being in evidence, and some of the visitors from the neighbouring lines aiding evidence, and some of the visitors from the neighbouring lines adding the harmony in capital style, a very pleasant evening being spent. Programme:—March, "With Sword and Lance," orchestra; recitation, "The Irish Huntsman," Sergt. Keeling; song, "Varmer Giles," Sergt. Jarrett; song, "Little Man," Sergt. Webb; song, "I Don't Think," Sergt. Upfold; song, "My Little Grey Home in the West," Sergt. Bolter; monologue, "The Whitest Man I Know," Sergt. Webb; Sergt. Bolter; monologue, "Bantams," comedian, impersonations; recitation, "Paddy 9'Toole's Log," Sergt. Keeling; song, "Shoreham-on-the-Mud" (Part III.), Co. S.M. Rogers; song, "Boys of the Ocean Blue," Sergt. Jupp; song, "How Are Sergt. Keeling; song, "Shoreham-on-the-Mud" (Part III.) Rogers; song, "Boys of the Ocean Blue," Sergt. Jupp; song, Yer," Sergt. Bolter.

10th BATTALION.

The past month has been one of the most eventful ones regarding training that the Pattalion has yet experienced. We have heretofore simply read in the "Q.O.G." of the doings of units in the Aldershot Command, but at last we have experienced them. Of late our boys have been very friendly with such places of renown as "Long Valley," "Ash Range," "Hungry Hill," etc., etc.

Hard work by day and night is being borne with delightful cheeriness by all ranks, and as cheeriness tells of contentment and eagerness, I need hardly dwell on the disposition of the Battalion.

We had our first Brigade march a few days ago, and are now perfectly satisfied that we are "real" soldiers Rumour states that our musketry course is not at a distant date and THEN!!!

The G.O.C (Major-General Lawford) inspected the Sattalion in every branch of its training and organisation on Wednesday, 9th February, and was completely satisfied. Our senior Battalions might like to hear that his opinion of the "March Past," "Handling of Arms," and "Drill" was almost up to the old 1st Battalion standard. We considered this a great compliment. We are all undergoing a series of lectures upon the necessary subjects of which we require a knowledge. The experienced authorities who lecture us make the Battalion more eager daily to reach its goal, and as long as the Master Shoemaker is able to tack on his three-and-ninepenny soles we shall carry on.

We have played but two football matches during the past month, neither of which were represented by the Battalion's full team. first was against a team of the D.L.I. of our Brigade, and resulted in a victory for us by 11 goals to nil. The other match was arranged by Lieut. Hinds against Charterhouse School, Godalming. Here we were outclassed in football completely, and our poorly represented team went down to the tune of seven goals to nil. However, it was a very pleasant

game and outing.

We are indebted to one of the Battalion for the following account of a day in the 10th Battalion:-

A DAY WITH THE 10th WEST KENT.

(By One of Them):

T. Atkins, Esq., turns himself over on his palliasse and opens his eyes to begin another day. In a semi-conscious condition he looks upon an oblong room, about twenty yards by eight. The walls are whitewashed and the boards bare, and the ceiling in a more or less dilapidated condition. All along the walls snore Tommy's comrades with tousled heads. Close by them stand their rifles against the wall, while, above their heads, upon an iron rack, lie all their worldly possessions in a kit-bag. Down the centre of the room are three tables, with benches alongside.

In a few minutes "Reveille" blows—six o'clock. Tommy instinctively brings his heels together with a "click," and rouses himself to complete consciousness. At the same time various other heads appear, and husky talking begins, accompanied by much coughing. The mess orderly (poor man), hurriedly lights the gas, and climbing into his trousers, boots and tunic, wends his way to the cook-house. Soon he re-appears carrying a bucket of tea. About a dozen of the thirty inhabitants of the room are partially clothed, and, armed with enamelled mugs, assault the steaming bucket. Not to be out of it, the remainder of the room are soon leaving their beds and sipping the very acceptable beverage.

The coughing subsides, and soon everyone is busy-folding up blankets and palliasses in the approved style, cleaning boots and buttons,

a few shaving-everyone "going strong."

At a quarter to seven the thirty khaki men are waiting about, near the parade ground, with the exception of the mess orderly for the day.

He is left behind to draw rations and to have breakfast ready at 7.45.

Tonimy soon hears the "Regimental" sing out "On Parade," and in
the dusky twilight of seven o'clock he troops on in "clean fatigue dress" to help form "close column of platoons" a battalion in mass. "Queen's Own-Fall in!"

"Right-Dress!"

"Stand at-ease!"

"Call the Roll!"

The Platoon Sergeant turns round, and, looking at his platoon across the top of his book, tries to tell who is absent.
"Jones—where's Jones?"
"Sick, Sergeant."

"Brook, T. J.?"

"Here, Sergeant!" And so on.

Soon the bugle blows again, and when the "Orderly Sergeants" have all reported present, work is commenced.

The Company is this morning, perhaps, going for "a constitutional." Tommy and Co. "move to the right in column of route," and begin the monotonous tramp, tramp, tramp!

Some thoughtless soul begins to sing "When the Boys-" "March to attention" growls the sergeant in rear, and the would-be bard quickly complies.

Soon, however, Tommy hears the welcome "March at ease," and a buzz of voices lessens the irksome weight of the tramping.

Some fellow has got so much to say to the even number next Look! to him that he has broken step. "Left-Left-Left, Right, Left!" out the sergeant, and the offending limbs are adjusted.

Listen! Some wag sings with the perfect rhythm of the marching "I'd a-jolly-good-job when I-left-left-right-left!" Let's hope he will return to it some day!

By half-past seven the Company is entering barracks again and marching to attention-trying to make people believe, apparently, that it never marches at ease,

Tommy, having turned to the right, paused, and broken off, clears off up the iron stairs, and along the verandah to his room, to procure his mug and plate. Soon he is seated at the tables down the centre of the barrack room, and is disposing of whatever tate has decreed that he snall have.

Maybe it's steak and onions; maybe corned beef, or rashers and tomatoes-just depends how his luck is, or else-ah! how the Quarter-

master's books are!

About half-way through this meal some misguided individual always turns the gas on at the main. The company present, plunged into semidarkness, invariably groan helple sly, while the orderly thoughtfully turns the tap off to prevent asphyxiation the same evening.

However, Mr. Atkins gets used to the gloom, and it soon grows brighter. Breakfast is finished, and all are now busily getting ready,

for thte "C.O.'s" parade at nine o'clock.

Several like to shave in daylight-there they are on the window ledges. Others are button polishing or putting dubbin on their boots,

white some are piecing their "marching order" together.

To-day the Company is to parade for physical training (otherwise physical jerks or monkey motions), so that Tommy is to be found taking

off his puttees.

At nine o'clock he goes on parade with just the same routine as at seven. But this time his platoon is inspected, and any poor son of Mars who is found with dirty boots, dirty buttons, or "unshaven," has his name taken, and is for "Company bunk" on the following day.

For the rest of the day the poor fellow is trying to reason out if he will get "warned"-"two hours' pack drill"-"seven hours' ditto"-or

shot at dawn!

Eventually the good-natured sergeant "forgets all about it!"

When the physical instructor has told the class to get their "coats and caps off," work is begun in earnest, and Tommy enjoys such pleasures as "upward jumping" after his heavy breakfast of steak and onions, or else he is "on the hands down" in some muddy puddle. Nevertheless, he survives it till ten o'clock, when, first parade over, he rushes off to his room to see whether the orderly corporal has been so kind as to leave him a letter.

At 10.30 our friend is on parade again-this time in "skeleton order"

for musketry.

Tommy is not in the recruit squad, so that he is off to the miniature

range for firing.

There, armed with .22 and a supply of chocolate (bought from the old woman outside the cookhouse), and with an officer as keen as mustard, Tommy spends a very pleasant two hours until dinner time. Yes, there are some jolly good shots in No. 17 Platoon. All do very well, really, but one or two are quite crack shots-Tommy Atkins, himself, for instance. He personally, will bear out that all his five shots, rapid, went through the same hole on the target. Some make unkind remarks about four of the round, but there are always those who are jealous-disagreeable fellows!

12.45 p.m. Dinner time. What's for dinner? There can be no possible excuse for the N.C.O. or man who asks that question. Stew! Sometimes the cookhouse try to deceive their victims by Of course! calling it "Sea pie" or "Curry," but it is doubtful if a critical examination would reveal any variation.

As at breakfast the company is startled half-way through the meal by someone in the doorway roaring "Shun!" just as though he were on

the barrack square.

Mr. Atkins drops the "spud" he is "skinning" and stands upright. The Orderly Officer walks in and asks, as usual, "Any complaints?" (Sometimes the officer, knowing the monotony derived from the

stew, kindly varies it by saying "Everything all right?").

If spuds are good and there is enough of everything to go round, the Corporal in charge replies "No, sir." (To the latter question, of

course, he replies, "Yes, sir"). If, on the other hand, anything is wrong, a brief court of enquiry

is held, and in the end the poor mess orderly, with his mouth full of stew, is despatched to the cookhouse downstairs to put the matter right. It is assumed, of course, at this point, that the mess orderly has finished his dinner.

Then, stew finished. Tommy rubs his plate over with any available crust of bread, and comes up for his "seconds." This may be duff-rice and figs-rice and treacle-custard and prunes-in fact anything tasty. But, whatever it is, Tommy knows how to act once he gets his minute portion. With lightning celerity every trace of his "seconds" has disappeared, and Mr. Atkins, with expressionless face, marches up to the corporal-in-charge for more.

If he is lucky, he will procure another particle of sweet, but he will probably draw a blank and be sworn at as a "greedy pig" by the

indignant corporal,

Poor Tommy then washes his plate, and sits on his folded-up bed talking until the next parade at 1.45.

The usual routine again. Perhaps company drill, perhaps extended order or bayonet fighting, but in any case tea is well earned at a quarter to five.

Bread and butter, and sardines, too. to-night. No, beg pardon, to be exact, "Norwegian bristling." The little beggars require a bayonet charge to extract them from their snug metallic home, but, after cutting his fingers, splashing his tunic, and saying unprintable things, indomitable Tommy gets to work on the toothsome morsels with bread and butter.

Yes, quite so-"four men to each tin." But Corporal Jones is bilious already, so that Private Atkins will have eight sardines instead of four. He, too, will be up for a "number nine" on the following day—but "sufficient for the day," etc.

Tea over. Tommy Atkins cleans up. This evening there is, fortunately, no "night operations," so that, with belt on, gloves and swagger stick all correct, he sallies forth to gaze into shop windows, visit Y.M.C.A.'s,

and to let irate sergeants sink into temporary oblivion.

He and his friends treat themselves to teas, to picture palaces and cinemas, and to all those pleasures which their limited exchequers permit. in short, they live outside themselves, and quite forget for the time that they are destined to fight for their country, and, perhaps, to make the great sacrifice of their life's blood on the fields of Flanders for the Cause of Right.

Well, our friends have more sense than to be out of barracks after 9.30, so at that time all are to be found in their rooms. One or two weary lads have turned in earlier and are trying to get to sleep, when the rest come stamping in. However, all are tired, and soon roll down their blankets, and, stripping off their khaki, are stretched full length.

"Hang you! Ginger. Don't you think I want to get to sleep this

week? Next time you tread on my feet you'd better look out!"
"Stow that row, can't you, Nobby!"

"Shut up!"

And so the storming and grumbling goes on until everyone is in bed. Soon "Lights out" blows at 10.15, and the room is in darkness. Tired Tommy lies awake and alone in the darkness, listening to the crescendo of heavy breathing and snores.

He thinks of the cinemas he has visited, of the shops and streets, of the Y.M.C.A.'s. Then his thoughts wander further afield, and he is at home. He sees in his thoughts his brothers, his sisters, his mother.

As his eyes become strangely watery, kind Lethe takes him to that Land of Dreams where there is never war, and where Tommy is always

It might be mentioned that we shortly expect to lose a few of our Officers and N.C.O.'s and a number of men, who are going to form the nucleus of the Depôt Companies at Northampton, which we hope (by the time this appears in print) will be full up with "Derbyites."

11th BATTALION.

Various changes have taken place during the past month. The new Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Townshend, entered upon his of Brigade work. The usual routine was varied very little before an order came for all to move to Aldershot for "firing the course," and the transit took place on a day that varied in weather from beautiful sunshine to rain, sleet, hail and wind. Yet the men stood the march under such trying conditions in first-rate style, equalling their record in the

Settled in their new quarters (which was the old place vacated only in the early part of January), the musketry work continued without a break on the lines adopted at Witley.

Other changes have also taken place, and Major Corfe, who had been commanding "A" Company, assumed the position of Second in

Command vice Major Annesley,

The Commanders of the Companies are: "A," Captain Richardson; "B," Captain Vigers; "C," Captain Simmonds; "D," Captain Dickinson; and a step has been granted to Captains Dickinson, Jiminez, Stone,

and Richardson, Lieuts. Jackson and Bainton.

Of the attached W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s few are now left, C.S.M.'s

McGregor and Nicholson, Sergt.-Master Tailor Semmence, C.Q.S. Wybrow, and others returning to other duties with the regrets of the many friends they had made in the Battalion.

The various entertainments at the Northampton Institute and the Home Huts have been well patronised by the men, who evidently enjoy the good things provided by Miss Hankey and the members of the League for their pleasure.

NOTES.

Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Bush had the honour of being received by His Majesty on February 9th, when the King decorated him with the Insigna of Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Captain C. Tuff, 3rd Battalion, has provisionally accepted an invitation to become Unionist candidate for Rochester at the next General Election. * * * *

Captain W. C. Lamarque, 2/4th Battalion, has been appointed a Staff Captain, and is seconded.

Major C. D. Disney-Roebuck, 4th Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Mr. F. Thomas, who is in charge of the Criminal Record Office at Scotland Yard, and who previously served in the Regiment, has been promoted to the rank of Superintendent. Our readers will have noticed that his name appears regularly every month in the list of those who send gifts in kind for the Battalions on service.

Lieut.-Colonel R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O., bas joined the Indian Expeditionary Force (D.).

Captain P. F. Wilberforce Bell has been posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Captain P. A Wilson, Reserve of Officers, late 1st Battalion, and now serving with it, has been granted the temporary rank of Major.

Captain R. Bazley-White has been appointed a General Staff Officer,

We regret to learn that Major H. C. W. Beeching, 6th Battalion, has been in hospital at Le Treport for the last two or three week and is now at the Officers' Convalescent Home at Cimiez, near Nice.

Captain A. S. Hewitt has been granted the temporary rank of Major whilst employed as Assistant Provost Marshal.

Lieut. F. Trask has been granted the temporary rank of Captain (without pay and allowances of that rank) whilst employed as Commandant of a Training Centre Grenade School.

Captain C. W. H. Taylor, 3rd Battalion, has been appointed an Assistant Provost Marshal, graded for pay as a Staff Captain, and is

Lieut. H. B. H. White, D.S.O., has been appointed to the Egyptian Army.

Captain G. Seccombe, Reserve of Officers, late 3rd Battalion, who was returning wounded from the Cameroons in the "Appam," is a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. * *

The following Officers of the 7th Battalion have been promoted:— Temporary Captain A. E. Phillips to be Temporary Major; Temporary 2nd Lieut. H. Warren to be Temporary Captain.

Captain N. I. Whitty, now serving with the 8th Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Major.

Captain F. Johnson, 2/4th Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Major.

Captain H. A. Waring has joined the Expeditionary Force, on appointment to the Adjutancy of the 1st Battalion.

2nd Lieut. R. H. Farnfield has joined the 3rd Battalion for duty from the Royal Flying Corps

Captain W. F. MacNeece has been appointed a Squadron Commander in the Royal Flying Corps, with the temporary rank of Major. * ×

Major J. C Parker has been granted the temporary rank of Lieut-Colonel whilst in command of the 8th Battalion.

Lieutenant G. G Harris, 3rd Battalion, has been promoted Captain.

Temporary Lieut. F. L. Bassett, 1st Battalion, and Temporary 2nd Lieut, C. W. Le M. Croll, 9th Battalion, have been transferred to the Royal Engineers. Army Signal Service.

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Roll of Honour.

The Government has decided that in future the lists of casualties shall give no particulars either of the theatre of war in which the casualty occurred or of the battalion to which the officer or man belonged. This decision has been arrived at in the public interest and is a matter o military

It is requested that the particulars above referred to may not be mentioned or published in obituary notices sent to the Press by relatives or friends.

In consequence of the above prohibition it will be impossible for us to publish the casualty lists in the form which we have hitherto followed, nor can the various tables be given in future.

In last month's officers' tables there were two errors, the number killed should be 60 (not 61), and the number wounded 74 (not 75). As in future it will be impossible to include those attached from other units, it has been thought advisable to remove the two casualties under this heading from the list, one killed and one wounded. The total casualies, therefore, amongst officers of the Regiment to February 29th is:

Killed. Wounded. Wounded and Missing. Wounded and Prisoners of War. Missing. Total 150.

The nominal Roll is as follows :--

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Major C. G. Pack-Berestord.
Captain W. C. O. Phillips.
Sec. Lieut M. F. Eroadwood.
Major P. Hastings.
Lieut W. K. Ames.
Captain F. Fisher.
Captain F. Fisher.
Captain H. J. Vicat.
Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O.
Cart. and Adjt. G. B. Legard.
Captain G. F. H. Keenlyside
Lieut S. K. Gore.
Sec. Lieut J. M. Harding.
Sec. Lieut J. F. Burbury.
Sec. Lieut J. F. Burbury.
Sec. Lieut J. F. Burbury.
Sec. Lieut L. H. Y. Pownall.
Sec. Lieut L. S. White.
Sec. Lieut E. B. Walker.
Sec. Lieut W. A. I. Richardson.
Lieut. J. E. G. Brown.
Major F. J. Joslin.
Captain M. W. Grabam.
Sec. Lieut A. C. Elton. Major F. J. Joshn.
Captain M. W. Graham.
Sec Lieut. A. C. Elton.
Lieut. N. B. Howell
Lieut. C. K. Anderson,
Lieut. D. C. C. Sewell. Captain A. C. Beeman.

Captain E. Battersby.
Captain P. T. Mills.
Captain C. T. Tuff.
Lieut. C. M. Payton.
Lieut. P. W. Bradley.
Lieut. G. R. Daubeney.
Sec. Lieut. J. Craston.
Sec. Lieut. J. Craston.
Sec. Lieut. P. J. Whitehouse.
Sec. Lieut. P. J. Whitehouse.
Sec. Lieut. H. T. Vandell.
Captain J. H. Stokes.
Sec. Lieut. P. M'Donagh
Sec. Lieut. P. M'Donagh
Sec. Lieut. K. Sheriff.
Lieut. H. Poland,
Sec. Lieut. J. S. Yatos,
Lieut. W. H. W. Haslam.
Lieut. H. J. Bingham. Stevens.
Lieut. A. G. Heath.
Sec. Lieut. W. W. Pye.
Captain C. H. Towse
Capt. W. G. Summers,
Captain P. M. Robertson-Ross.
Sec. Lieut. C. D. N. Lawson.
Sec. Lieut. H. O. Beer.
Sec. Lieut. A. B. Cadoll.
Captain W. U. Ross
Lieut. H. C. S. Hearnden.
Sec. Lieut. G. M. Stanton.

Capt. R. M. G Tulloch, D.S.O. Capt. H. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O Capt. H. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S. Sec. Lieut. E. S. Korr. Sec. Lieut. C. A. M. Holloway. Lieut. E. J. Moulten-Barrett. Lieut. W. V. Falmer. Sec. Lieut. A. T. Williams. Colonel A. Martyn. Sec. Lieut. H. S. Doc Sec. Lieut. H. S. Doc Sec. Lieut. E. A. Sharpin. Captain. A. d'E. Knox. Sec. Lieut. O. M. Fry. Sec. Lieut. E. C. Hilder. Sec. Lieut. A. E. Carpenter. Sec. Lieut. J. D. Burrows, Sec. Lieut. E. W. Sheppard. Sec. Lieut. S. J. Needham. Sec Lieut, S. J Needham. Captain A. K. Grant. Lieut, F. Wilberforce Bell. Captain J. W. Nelson. Captain C. B. Ingram. Captain J. W. Nesson.
Captain C. R. Ingram.
Sec. Lieut. A. Fewe.
Lieut. W. G. Yates.
Captain O. Y. Hibbert.
Lieut. Colonel S. H. Petley
Sec. Lieut. G. G. Harris.
Sec. Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood.
Sec. Lieut. W. R. Cobb.
Sec. Lieut. G. D. Borland.
Sec. Lieut. G. D. Borland.
Sec. Lieut. G. T. L. Maunder.
Sec. Lieut. G. Y. Gross.
Capt. P. T. Aldworth.
Capt. E. G. Russell.
Sec. Lieut. W. G. Dove.
Capt. F. H. H. Liebenrood.

Capt. B. W. Parker.
Lieut. S. H. Lewis.
Sec. Lieut. C. W. B. Jarvis.
Sec. Lieut. J. Cross.
Lieut. N. P. K. J. O'N. M'Cleland,
Lieut. H. F. Clough.
Col. A. T. F. Simpson, V.D.
Sec. Lieut. M. R. Le Fleming.
Lieut. D. C. Stern.
Capt. A. B. C. Francis.
Capt. H. C. Margetts.
Lieut. L. C. R. Smith.
Lieut. G. W. Brown.
Sec. Lieut. M. H. Carre.
Sec. Lieut. J. Langlands.
Lieut. W. B. Hodgson Smith.
Sec. Lieut. J. S. Mann.
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Sec. Lieut. J. S. Stevenson.
Sec. Lieut. Col. E. F. Venables.
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Lieut. C. S. Stevenson.
Sec. Lieut. F. H. Lewin.
Capt. T. T. Waddington.
Lieut. D. Russell.
Major A. H. Pullran. D.S.O.
Cant. R. W. Grant. WOUNDED. Lieut D. Russell,
Major A. H. Pullman, D.S.O.
Capt, R. W. Grant.
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Capt, and Adjt. W. K. Tillie.
Sec. Lieut, E. S. Welch.
Capt. H. A. Ansell.
Lieut, E. J. Innocent.
Sec. Lieut, D. E. M. Woodhous. Sec. Lieut. D. E. M. Woodhouse. Major C. V. Molony.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Major L. Brock-Hollinshead. Capt. A. C. Edwards. Sec. Lieut. V. G. Don Lieut. P T Smith.

Lieut, L. Gibbe, Sec. Lieut, A. L. Harris, Sec. Lieut, R. T. F. Burrell, Sec. Lieut, D. H. Watts,

WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

Capt. D G. Lister. Lieut. A A. E. Chitty. Bt -Colonel E Vansittart. Major J. C. Chillingworth.

Capt. and Adjt. C de C. Middleton-Lieut, R. M. Old Capt. G. Seccombe. Captain C. A. Hutchinson.

MISSING.

Sec. I ieut. P. W. Plant.

Sec. Lieut. E. T. Bigsby.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of February :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

2nd-Lieutenant E. H Copeman.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Lieutenant F. W. Hamilton. 2nd-Lieutenant C. I. Barker.

WOUNDED.

Captain W. R. A. Dawson.
Lieutenant C. V. Madgett.
2nd-Lieutenant G. F. Atkinson.
2nd-Lieutenant C. S. Coombs.
2nd-Lieutenant B. V. Wood.
2nd-Lieutenant G. T. Carre.
2nd-Lieutenant C. J. Ashton.
2nd-Lieutenant E. S. Martyn.
2nd-Lieutenant W. L. Cascoyne.

Lieut. F. W. Hamilton received his commission on Sept. 22nd, 1914. He was one of a number of officers left at home when his Battalion went abroad last August, but rejoined it early in October after the battle of Loos. He died of wounds on March 3rd, aged 20. He was an exceedingly capable officer, most plucky, a great favourite with his brother officers, and much respected by the men of his Company.

2nd-Lieutenant C. I. Barker joined the R.G.A. on August 3rd, 1914, being subsequently transferred to the Regiment, leaving home to join the Expeditionary Force in October, 1915. His C.O. writes:—"From the short time I have known him he was, in my opinion, a most gallant and promising officer, and his death will be great loss to the Battalion.

and-Lieutenant E. H. Copeman was educated at Hurstpierpoint and Christ's College, Cambridge, B.A., 1909. He was farming in Vancouver when the war broke out, and with another brother he immediately came home and enlisted in the 11th Middlesex. He later obtained a commission in the Royal West Kent, and joined the Expeditionary Force in October, 1915. A most promising officer, his death is greatly deplored.

N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

KILLED IN ACTION.

8363 Pte E Clements.
4667 Pte J. Edwards
1356 Pte W. Clyne.
1957 Pte. E. Accleton.
2316 Pte. A. Parrin.
8443 Corpl. G. Franklinde.
5706 CoSgtMaj E Newbrooke.
9382 LCorpl W. Freeman
9462 Pte. G. Hampton,
9320 Pte A. Mortby.
3/8991 Pte. J. Weeks.
1152 Pte. H. Ray
299 Actg Corpl. G. Millirgton.
275 L. Corpl. R. Smith.
5898 Pte. G. Coppins.
4145 Sergt J. B. Vivash.
6331 Pte. C. Goulds borough.
4617 L. Corpl. J Wise.
WO

3203 Sergt. A. Baker.
2422 Pte. F. Crust.
6735 Pte. C. Lang.
6736 Pte. E. Lang.
10483 Pte. G. Knowler.
3295 Pte. G. Tichener.
8827 Sergt. J. Morrison.
9516 Pte. R. Martin.
6355 Pte. G. E. Souley.
5800 Cerpl. A. J. Wilkins.
6652 Pte. C. Feck.
9298 Pte. G. Ashenden.
1175 Pte. C. H. Bevan.
2967 Pte. G. Seeney.
3799 Pte. A. P. Wallis.
8574 Actg. Sergt. A. Weller.
4876 Corpl. A. Honeysett.

WOUNDED.

	COMPE
5931 Pte H. Ball.	617
1039 Pte A Harman	1039
6173 Pte F. Hewitson.	746
9272 Pte G. Thorre-	1094
9127 Pte. J. Lee.	110:
1126 Pte T. Smith.	6537
5840 Pte. J. Bradbrook.	72
6101 Pte P. Cerduroy.	10
6193 Pte G. Juniper.	441.1
8677 Pte. G. Nicholis.	416
9540 Pto F Owen	493
9549 Pte, F. Owen. 3739 Sergt, J. Pettit,	1007
2567 Pte. C Prout.	3247
6124 Pte. J. Sullivan.	275
1116 Pte, W. Triplow.	275
0100 Dta A Thurb	3650
9186 Pte A Turk.	
9542 Pte. J E Farrelly.	6915
5310 LCorpl. E. W. Hoyle.	2450
4801 Pte. S Broad.	10314
807 CoSgtMajor A. Ackland.	
3419 Pte S Copper.	470
8771 Pte. C Fair.	1032
641) Pte T. Grain.	880

6172 Pte. H. Gayton.

10399 L.-Cerpl. W. Hancock.

7464 L.-Cerpl. W. Hannant.

10341 Pte. A. Higgins.

1103 Pte. F. Hilder.

6537 Pte. H. King.

724 Pte. F. Kingsford.

105 Pte. H. Lee.

4411 Pte. J. McGuire

4163 Pte. S. Medhurst.

4933 Pte. A. O'Grady.

1007 Pte. E. Plumb.

3247 Actg.-Sergt. A. Postlethwaite

2755 Corpl. F. H. J. Stannard.

2759 Pte. J. Wallis.

3650 Pte. W. Warren.

6912 Pte. S. Waters.

2450 Pte. H. White.

10316 L. Cerpl. C. Dyer.

8241 Pte. C. Richards.

4761 Pte. J. Smith.

8802 Pte. J. Smith.

8802 Pte. T. White.

6560	Pto	A.	Wykes
954	Pte	D	Lawrence- Lowe. Cross. . H. Bronwin
6704	Pte.	T	Cross
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200	TC	orpi	E A Posting
302	11.0	orpu	D. I. Bunting.
1223	1'te	H.	Dodd
643	T C	oml	C. Leftley.
8654	Pte	J.	Crook.
4250	Pte.	T.	Worth
492	Pte.	E	Cross. H. Bronwin E. A. Bunting. Dodd C. Leftley. Crook. Worth Baker. Naughtin. Palmer.
3742	Pie.	T.	Naughtin.
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688	Pte	L	Puckey.
5481	Pte	W.	Short.
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794	T C	W.	AVIS.
223	TIC	orpi	A. Ball.
9121	L -U	orpl	. Adams.
9947	Pte	W.	Alexander. C. Baker.
9505	IC	erpl	. C. Baker.
9813	Pte	F.	
2823	Pte.	A.	Gray
8932	Pte	R	Hinton.
8648	Pte	D.	Hemewood
9997	Pte	J	Larkman.
9197	Pte	w	Nicholls
8510	Pto	E	Hinton. Hemewood Larkman. Nicholls. Onions. W. Rynill. Saville. Smith Snashfold. Steed. H. Woodgate.
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0400	Dt.	Δ.	Carriet
9400	Die	M.	Shitter Constitution
9191	Die.	7.5	Shashiold.
9254	Pto.	MI.	Steed.
9914	Tr.Cc	rpl.	H Woodgate. J. Clesson. Larter.
1755	Pte.	н.	J. Clesson.
2137	Pte	C.	Larter.
2256	Pte	E.	A. Waterhouse
971	Pto	J	A. Waterbouse W. Arnold. Simmons. Solly. Spooner. Mayne Bates. Eent E. Bentley. Berry.
0072	Pte	R.	Sin mons.
8530	Pte	Λ.	Solly.
9380	Pte	A.	Spooner.
1297	Pte	AT	Mayne
804	Ple	P	Bates.
7190	Pte	F	Pant .
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3475 Pte W. Rothwell.
4483 Pte F. Santer.
5526 L. Corpl. A. Sargeant.
4192 Pte G. Selkirk.
510 Pte, F. Skiller.
4920 Ptc, W. Skinner.
816 Pte C. Smythe.
920 Pts, G. Steer.
513 Pte, E. Thurman. 920 Pte, G. Steer. 519 Pte, E. Thurman. 647 Pte H Watts. 536 L Corpl. C. Wilters. 528 Pte H Leavens. 5163 Pte, W. Burden. 4930 Pt. W. Clibbon.

DIED.

9145 Pte B. Wingrove.

3930 Pte D. Arkle.

DIED AS PRISONER OF WAR.

2559 Pte. R. H. Moulton.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW DIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

4408 Pte J. F. Cunlific 1272 Pte H. Hargreaves. 3433 Pte W Price 2523 Pte J. W Ray.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

8356 Pte. C Highgato.

G/3828 Pte. W. R Penfold.

MISSING.

740 Pte. H. Butson.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW PRISONER
OF WAR

2890 Pte. T. Tree-

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED, NOW PRISONER OF WAR.

315; Pte R Weddell-

PREVIOUSLY ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED KILLED.

1143 Pte W. Smith.

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THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions as specified, viz, :-

1st BATTALION.

Feb. 17th-576 boxes of matches

29th-576 boxes of matches

29th—1 case of notepaper and envelopes all acknowledged Mar. 4th—20lbs curry powder
8th—2 cases of candles
10th—250 cakes of soap

11th-576 boxes of matches

20th—2 cases of candles

2/4th BATTALION.

Feb. 25th-2 cases of dried fruits (100lbs)

Mar. 22nd-2 cases of dried fruits (100lbs)

6th BATTALION.

Feb. 21st—2 cases of candles
17th—576 boxes of matches

29th-576 boxes of matches 29th-1 case of notepaper and envolopes

Mar. 4th—20lbs. curry powder 8th-2 cases of candles

11th-576 boxes of matches

20th-2 cases of candles 22nd-38 bundles from the Roan School for Girls, Geeenwich

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Feb. 21st-2 cases of candles .

17th-576 boxes of matches

29th-1 case of notepaper and envelopes

Mar. 1st—2 bales containing 192 towels

Feb. 29th—200 tins Bluebell polish
29th—300 tins brown boot polish
29th—576 boxes of matches

Mar. 4th—20lbs. curry powder

8th-2 cases of candles

4th-432 handkerchiefs

10th—252 cakes of soap 11th—576 boxes of matches

20th-2 cases of candles

8th BATTALION.

Feb. 21st—2 cases of candles

17th-576 boxes of matches 29th--576 boxes of matches

29th-1 case of notepaper and envelopes Mar, 4th-20lbs curry powder

8th-2 cases of candles

10th-1 case soap, 252 cakes

11th—576 boxes of matches

20th-2 cases of candles

SALONIKA DETACHMENT

Feb. 18th-576 boxes of safety matches

24th-100 Regimental badges

Mar. 6th-1 case of candles

8th-5,000 cigarettes

8th-10lbs Nosegay Shag Tobacco

20th-1 case of candles

20th-192 boxes of matches

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officers in recognition of their

gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

Temporary Captain T. T. Waddington, 7th Battalion, "For conspicous gallantry. When the enemy exploded a mine he organised a relief party, and although the proto apparatus was buried, he descended at great personal risk three times in half an hour into a gallery and rescued three men. At the fourth attempt he collapsed, but was safely brought out.

Temporary Second Lieutenant S. J. Needham, 1st Battalion,

attached and Suffolk Regiment,

"For conspicuous gallantry. He led a raid into the enemy's trench, and succeeded in entering it—when the alarm was given he shot the man who gave it. He was badly wounded in retiring. He had previously volunteered for and successfully carried out several daring reconnaissances"

Temporary Second Lieutenant J. L. Manwaring, of the 9th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and formerly of the 8th Battalion Royal West Kent, has also been awarded the Military Cross.

"For conspicuous gallantry. When on patrol duty he successfully completed a reconnaissance, although fire from three machine guns was brought to bear on him. On another occasion he lay out for some hours by the enemy's wire, and obtained accurate information."

Distinguished Conduct Medals have been awarded to-

1535 Sergeant R. Levy, 7th Battalion. 1998 Corporal R. J. Hillyard, 7th Battalion. 88 Private M. Moore, 7th Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry, when the enemy exploded a mine, Sergeant Levy, Corporal Hillyard, and Private Moore at once followed an officer into the gallery at great personal risk, and rescued several men. They worked till they were utterly exhausted.

We also hear that Lieut. (temp. Capt.) W. R. A. Dawson, ist Battalion attached 6th Battalion, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

TERRITORIAL DECORATION.

The King has been pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration on the undermentioned officers of the 4th Battalion: Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, Commanding 3/4th Batt. Rev. Canon D. J. S. Hunt, Chaplain, 2nd Class.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID MARCH, 1916, TO Q.O.G.

Lieut. J. R. Russell, D.S.O., December, 1916; W. P. Cooper, September, 1916; Major Clayton-Nunn, D.S.O., December, 1916; Colonel J. D. Laurie, T.D., December, 1916; P. J. Spencer, December, 1916; F. Gouriet, March, 1917; W. Harris, December, 1916; J. Bazley-White, December, 1916; James Walmsley, March, 1917; Captain Moulton-Barrett, December, 1916; Mrs. Robertson-Ross, December, 1916; Captain R. T. Brewis, December, 1916; Colonel J. L. Tweedie, D.S.O., December, 1916; Mrs. J. W. Nelson, February, 1917; Major Brad-shaw, December, 1916; S. G. Ruttedge, December, 1917; Major Brad-shaw, December, 1916; S. G. Ruttedge, December, 1916; Major Couch, Mrs. Egglesden, December, 1916; Mrs. Burbury, December, 1916; A. Squires, September, 1916; Captain F. B. le Cocq., December, 1916; Colonel Sir A. G. Bo cawen, December, 1916; Captain J. H. Kennedy, December, 1916; Charles Guess, December, 1917; Mrs. F. W. Cannon, April, 1917; C. Q. M. S. Gray, December, 1916; Charles Bow, December, 1916; Private H. C. Parfltt, March, 1917; Q.M.S. Cassidy, December, 1916; Major Morse, December, 1916; William Cotton, December, 1916; Lieut. S. C. Tinne, December, 1916; Mrs. Burrell, December, 1916; Lieut. S. C. Tinne, December, 1916; Mrs. Burrell, December, 1916; Sth Battalion (donation of £5).

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Frazer, Commanding 1/5th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Willis, Commanding 2/5th Battalion.

We regret that in our last issue Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie,

We regret that in our last issue Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, T.D., was described as Commanding 2/4th Battalion instead

of 3/4th Battalion.

Our thanks are due to the 8th Battalion for their generous donation of £5 towards the Q.O.G. Fund.

LIEUT.-GENERAL E. A. H. ALDERSON, K.C.B.

Lieut.-General Alderson had the honour of being received by the King on March 25th, when His Majesty conferred on him the honour of Knighthood, and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the most Honourable Order of the Bath (Military Division).

MAJOR-GENERAL W. G. B. WESTERN, C.B.

Major-General Western has returned to England from the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, the base at Mudros having been handed over to the Royal Navy.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

The following announcement appeared in the "London

Gazette" of March 27th :-

"To be Colonel: -Brevet Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) A, Martyn from the Royal West Kent Regiment, March 21st, 1916." Although this appeared under the heading of Memoranda it is presumed that it means that Brigadier-General Martyn is removed from the Regimental list on the

expiration of his four years in command.

That he has severed his connection with the Regiment, for which he has done so much, will be deeply deplored by all, for it is well recognised that the name earned by the 1st Battalion during the war is largely due to him, and it must be a source of deep gratification to him to know that (in the words of Sir H. Smith Dorrien) 'there is not another Battalion that has made such a name for itself as the Royal West Kent' and that Viscount French endorsed these words with the remark 'That is a magnificent Regiment.'"

Sir H. Smith-Dorrien, in a letter to Major-General Sir E. Leach (a copy of which the former sent to the then Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion) wrote as follows in December, 1914, concerning Brigadier-General Martyn who had been wounded in the previous month:—"He is a very great loss to us, as men of his stamp are worth their weight in gold in

the desperate fighting in which we are engaged."

All will rejoice to hear that General Martyn has been passed by a Medical Board as "Fit," but recommended for two months' duty at Home.

COLONEL S, H. PEDLEY.

The following announcement appeared in the "London Gazette," of March 16th:—

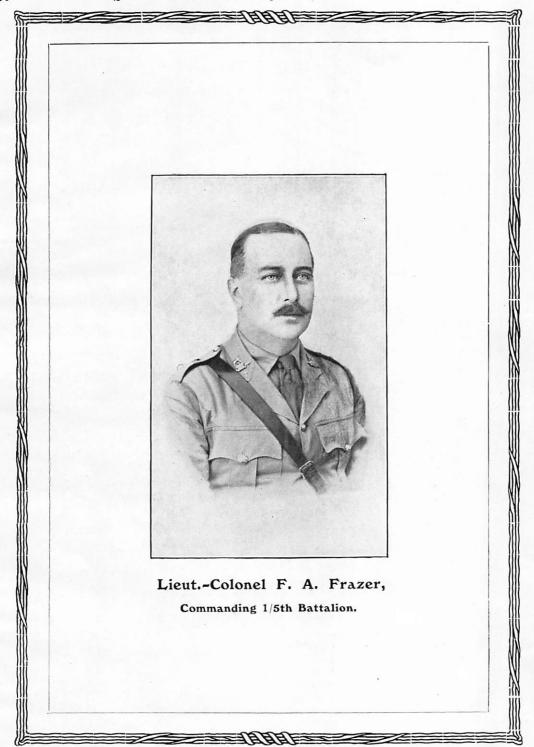
"To be Colonel-Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Royal West

Kent Regiment. March 14th."

As the word "from" is not used, as in the case of Brigadier-General Martyn it would appear that Colonel Pedley is to be retained on the Regimental list in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant notwithstanding his having completed his four years in command.

Colonel Pedley has been invalided home, as the bullet in his thigh, we regret to learn, has not been located. He arrived

home on the 6th inst.



MR. HYDE'S PICTURE

Of 1st Battalion at Neuve Chapelle on October 28th, 1914.

This fine picture, which we re-produced in our February issue has been presented to the 1st Battalion by five of its former Commanding Officers, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel T. H. Brock, Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Brigadier-General R. C. Style, and Brigadier-General A. Martyn.

It has been most favourably noticed in most of the Kent papers, and proved a great attraction when exhibited at Maidstone, over 7,000 persons having viewed it. Apparently from the extracts from three papers that we give below, there existed a desire that it should be acquired by the county.

South-Eastern Gazette, February 1.

Probably the people of Maidstone and district have already made up their minds that the historical picture of the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment at Neuve Chapelle, painted by Mr. Frank Hyde, shall not be allowed to go out of the county, or even out of the county town, except possibly for exhibition purposes. If they have not, they are a little lacking both in imagination and in patriotic feeling. The picture, so absorbing to look upon, is for Kent, and Kent only, in every sense but that of its art value, which makes it a national possession.

If the picture is to find its permanent home in Maidstone, and one cannot for a moment doubt that it will, it would be well for definite steps to be taken at once in connection with its purchase. The matter is one in which Maidstone might appropriately take the lead, though it must not be regarded as a town matter. The picture is one for the Regiment which has its home in the town, and not for the town itself. Its place is the Regimental Mess, where other regimental memorials are treasured; and what could be more appropriate than such a present from the public to the gallant Royal West Kent Regiment?

South-Eastern Gazette, March 21.

It is exceedingly gratifying to know that Mr. Frank Hyde's magificent picture of the Royal West Kents at Neuve Chapelle has become the property of the Regiment. The former officers who subscribed the purchase money have gracefully done homage to their old Regiment, and we must not find fault with them for denying the public of West Kent a privilege of which, without question, they would have eagerly availed themselves if an outside appeal had been made for the necessary funds. It is hardly a case of a great opportunity being missed—at least I hope not.

Kent Messenger, March 11.

What has been done to secure Mr. Frank Hyde's fine painting, at present on view in the Bentlif gallery of the Maidstone Museum, for the County of Kent? Thousands of people have now seen it, and they have dropped no less than £20 in the box placed at the side of the picture, for the permanently disabled men of the Royal West Kent Regiment. But to-day (Saturday) is the last day on which the picture is on view; and the question is whether or no it is to be secured for Maidstone or for the West Kent Regiment. The artist, we believe, will make a considerable sacrifice for the picture to be kept in the county. It will be a matter for permanent regret if it should go elsewhere.

Tunbridge Wells Courier, February 4.

Mr. Frank Hyde, the well-known Kentish artist, has now on view at the Art Gallery of the Maidstone Museum a historical painting of the West Kent Battalion in action at Neuve Chapelle. The picture, which is being exhibited in aid of wounded soldiers, depicts in spirited style the engagement in which the West Kents added lustre to their Regimental record. The West Kents were engaged in desperate fighting at Neuve Chapelle, which will be imortalised by the present painting, which we should like to see permanently acquired by some institution in the County of Kent. The artist has conceived the picture from accounts by eye witnesses, and the central figure in it is a capital likeness of Lieut. White, D.S.O., who with others shown in the picture were able to give the artist personal sittings at his Maidstone studio. Mr. Hyde, who has a son—Captain Rowley Hyde—now at Salonika, is well qualified to paint battle pictures, as he went through the 1870 campaign in France as an artist-correspondent. That he has now devoted himself to perpetuating on canvass in such brilliant style the glorious deeds of the gallant West Kents will be a matter of satisfaction to the county generally. The part which the West Kents have played in the present war will live in history, and we hope that it will be further commemorated on canvas.

MR. HYDE'S PICTURE.

The Officer Commanding the Depot forwards us the following correspondence for publication:—

Holland House, Maidstone.

March 24th, 1916,

DEAR COL. ROWE,

I am glad to tell you I have collected £28 6s. With your sanction I should like this to be devoted to the permanently disabled of the 1st Battalion of the Royal West Kent.

I am handing the above amount to the Mayor, who will send it on

to you

I can't tell you how pleased I am that the Regiment will possess the picture, and that I have had the privilege of commemorating one of its splendid deeds.

Yours truly,

FRANK HYDE.

Town Hall, Maidstone.

March 28th, 1916.

Col. Rowe, The Barracks, Maidstone.

DEAR COL. ROWE,

I am herewith enclosing you the sum of £28 6s. towards the Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Fund of the 1st Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

This amount is the proceeds of the exhibition of the Neuve Chapelle picture, painted by Mr. F. Hyde and exhibited recently at the Maidstone Art Gallery.

Mr. Hyde has handed me this £28 6s. to forward on to you.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

G. TYRWHITT-DRAKE, Mayor.

The Barracks, Maidstone.

March 29th, 1916.

DEAR MR. MAYOR,

I beg to acknowledge and thank you for the sum of £28 6s. received on account of the Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Fund of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regt., being the proceeds of the exhibition of Mr. Hyde's picture (Neuve Chapelle). I am also writing to Mr. Hyde.

Believe me, yours very truly,
W. E. ROWE, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding Depot, Maidstone.

His Worship the Mayor of Maidstone,

ROAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, GREENWICH.

The following items appear in the School Magazine for March:-

The Commanding Officer at Maidstone sent off our Christmas parcels to several Battalions of the Royal West Kents. Many acknowledgments have been received addressed to individual girls, whose letters have been enclosed in the parcels, and all the writers assure us that we are sending acceptable and useful things. Miss Walker has received a letter from the Officer Commanding the 2/4th Battalion in Egypt, from which the following extract is taken:

"We have been taken with the other troops from Gallipoli and are now in camp on the Lybian Desert. We are about 30 miles from Cairo, and are allowed to send a party of men there for a day's leave every day. They quite enjoy the chance of seeing the Pyramids, Mosques, and the wonderful old bazaars and sights of Cairo. We do not know how long we shall be here, but it is a very pleasant and cheerful change from the dangers and hardships of the Dardanelles. Please accept and convey to your School the most grateful thanks of all ranks for the very kind and thoughtful gifts they have sent us."

The Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, now in France, writes after receiving our February parcels (36), which contained amongst other things woollen helmets and mufflers:—

"Two days ago we had a very severe march, with a blinding snowstorm driving right in our faces the whole way. The men, however, marched well the whole 14 or 15 miles, in spite of the fact that the roads were so slippery that very nearly every man in the Battalion fell down at least once. The horses, of course, had the wor st time. I have had your parcels distributed among the men who receive fewest comforts. I am writing to say how much the whole Battalion; appreciates what the School has done for it during the war."

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mr. James Walmsley, of 18, West View, Witton, Blackburn, will be very grateful to receive any information concerning his son No. 4290 Private James Walmsley, C Company, 8th Battalion, who was reported missing on September 26th,

Mr. Perrin of 1, New Cottage, S. John's Lane, Ashford, will welcome any news concerning his son, No. 2916 Private Alfred Parrin, 1/4th Battalion, attached and Battalion, who was killed in action in Mesopotamia on February 7th, 1916.

Mr. Pratt, of The Laurels, Langton, Tunbridge Wells, will be grateful to get any information concerning his son No. G/5436 Private W. Pratt, B Company, Machine Gun Section, 8th Battalion, who was reported missing on September 26th,

No. 10690 Private J. J. Penfold, 8th Battalion, has been missing since September 26th, 1915. News of him from any of his comrades will be gratefully received by his mother, Mrs. Penfold, 2, Sydney Street, South Ashford.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Sergt. R. P. Galloway,

2nd Batt. Royal West Kent Regt., County of London War Hospital, Epsom. March 23rd, 1916.

Sir,

I wish to thank you on behalf of the men of the Queen's Own in hospital for the "Queen's Own Gazette," which was sent to the War Hospital, Epsom.

Pte. Naughton, of the 6th Battalion, and myself had the pleasure of being present at tea and entertainment given by the King and Queen in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace. Their Majesties were accompanied by Queen Alexandra, Queen Amelia, the Prince Albert, the Princess Mary, the Princess Royal with Princess Maud, the Princess Victoria, and other members of the Royal Family.

I spoke very freely to the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, and Princess Royal.

After tea I had the pleasure of having the autograph of Queen Alexandra and Princess Royal put on my invitation card.

I remain, yours truly,

R. P. GALLOWAY.

2nd Battalion.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the two following items

Officer's Sacrifice-Particulars have transpired of the circumstances of conspicuous bravery under which 2nd Lieut. Charles Henry Tisdall, aged 19 of the 9th Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed whilst saving the life of a private in his platoon who had been buried alive. He had just succeeded in getting the man out, and still had the shovel in his hand, when he was shot. The deceased officer formerly belonged to the 8th Royal West Kent Regiment, which he joined last April, on being commissioned from the Tonbridge School, Officers' Training Corps.

Ptc. T. Cork, Royal West Kent Regt., who had been honoured with a Distinguished Conduct Medal by the King for his distinguished service at the front, gained the recognition for going, in broad daylight, to the assistance of a wounded comrade under close infantry fire. He took food and water, crawled with the wounded man on his back some 800 yards, and then went for a stretcher and brought him in.

(Ptc. T. Cork also received the Medaille Militaire from the French Government, as reported in our December issue. The award of the D.C.M. was announced in our February issue. Ed. Q.O.G.).

BATTLE OF MONS.

The following is taken from "A Military History of the War" by Captain Battine, the Military Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." :-

"A Private soldier of the Queen's West Kent Regiment (Sic) has given a vivid description of what he saw of the battle of Mons:—

It was Sunday, August 23rd, that we were at Mons, billeted in a farm yard, and we were having a sing-song and watching people home from church. The Belgian ladies were very kind-hearted, and we were given their prayerbooks as souvenirs, and they also went to the shops and bought us cigarettes, which were most acceptable to the troops. At about 12.30 an orderly had gone down to draw dinners, when an aeroplane appeared overhead, throwing out some black powder. After this shrapnel burst overhead, acquainting us of the fact that the Germans were in the vicinity. overhead, throwing out some black powder. After this shrapnel burst overhead, acquainting us of the fact that the Germans were in the vicinity. All was uproar and confusion for the moment, because we were not armed, and our shirts and socks were out to wash, that being the only chance we had to get them washed. It did not take us long, however, to get in fighting trim, and to go through the town to the scene of operations, which was on the other side of a small canal that adjoined Mons. Here we found the A Company of the Royal West Kents engaged in a hard tussle keeping off the enemy until support arrived. The A Company had been engaged in outpost duty, so that they were the first to meet the enemy. Their casualties were very heavy, and they lost all their officers except Lieut. Bell, who showed great valour in going out to bring in the wounded. Most of the damage was done by the shells, although at times the enemy were within 300 yards of our troops. We arrived in the nick of time and took up position in a glass-blowing factory. We loopholed the walls and held that position until darkness set in. With darkness upon us we fixed bayonets, and lay in wait in case the enemy made an attempt to rush us. About 11 p.m. we received orders to retire over the canal. Two sections of C Company were left to keep the enemy in check, whilst the remainder of the battalien retired. After all had crossed, the bridge was blown up, so that we were likely to be left in peace until the Germans could find a means of crossing the river. The two sections of C Company that had been left behind, unfortunately, were unable to retire over the bridge before it was blown up, and they had to find their own ways and means of getting across. Most of them managed to do so. We retired from the town of Mons, and got into open country, but we still kept on moving throughout the night. When daylight arrived we saw that Mons had been practically demolished, and that the Germans were also fring at times at the hospital. Throughout the morning we conti

THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE.

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

The first chapter of the above work entitled "The Battle of Mons," appears in the Strand Magazine for this month. Mention of the 1st Battalion is made in the following terms:

Occupying the Eastern end of the Mons-Condé line of Canal was Cuthbert's 13th Brigade, containing the 2nd Scottish Borderers, 2nd West Ridings, 1st West Kents and 2nd Yorkshire L.I. It was on these three Brigades (8th, 9th, and 13th), and especially on the 8th and 9th that the impact of the German Army was destined to fall."

"It was a broken country with large patches of woodland and green spaces between. There were numerous slag heaps from old mines with here and there a factory, and here and there a private dwelling, but the Sappers had endeavoured in the short time to clear a field of fire for the Infantry. In order to get this field of fire in so closely built a neighbourhood, several of the regiments, such as the West Kents of the 13th, and the Cornwalls of the 14th Brigades had to take their positions across the Canal with bridges in their rear."

"The falling back of the 8th and 9th Brigades from the Niny Peninsula had an immediate effect upon Cuthbert's 13th Brigade, which was on their left holding the line up to the railway bridge just east of St. Ghislain. Of this Brigade two Battalions, the 1st West Kent on the right, and the 2nd Scottish Borderers on the left were in the trenches, with the 2nd West Riding and the 2nd Yorkshire L.I. in support, having their centre at Bousse. The day began by some losses to the West Kent Regiment who were probably, coart from eavalry partols, the first troops to suffer in the great war. A Comapart from cavalry patrols, the first troops to suffer in the great war. A Company of the regiment, under Captain Lister was sent across the canal early as pany of the regiment, under Captain Lister was sent across the canal carry as a support to some advancing cavalry, and was driven in about eleven o'clock with a loss of two officers and about a hundred men. From this time onward the German attacks were easily held, though the German guns were within 1,200 yards.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the 2nd Battalion have been mentioned in despatches by the General Commanding Indian Expeditionary Force D:—

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Pedley Major C, E. Kitson
Captain J. W. Nelson
Captain H. D. Belgrave
Captain M. J. Dinwiddy
Captain M. J. Withbare Captain O. Y. Hibbert Captain M. W. Graham (since killed) Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy Captain A. S. Bredon
Lieutenant A. G. Balbernie
Lieutenant N. B. Howell (since killed)
2nd-Lieutenant C. Madgett 2nd-Lieutenant A. C. Hart 5619 Co. Sergeant-Major A. G. Elliott 5706 Co, Sergeant-Major E. J. Newbrooke 7680 Sergeant A. Clear 4471 Sergeant R. Hunt 7361 Sergeant W. Wannell 6460 Lance-Sergeant J. Edwards 6630 Lance-Sergeant L. H. Lewis 8840 Corporal T. Bax 8110 Lance-Corporal A. J. Whitehorn 9871 Lance-Corporal J. Burlack 9871 Lance-Corporal J, Burlack 6671 Lance-Corporal A, Jones 9103 Private R. H. J, Pannett 9459 Private C. Mires 7326 Private G. J. Andrews 9203 Private C. W. Bond 9861 Private G. W. Borrett 8725 Bandsman W, Bridger 9511 Bandsman E. T, Bye 8096 Private W. Croucher 9514 Bandsman H. Golding 9514 Bandsman H. Golding 8739 Private G. Howe 9699 Private T. Humphreys 8883 Private G. Kennard 9735 Private H. A. H. Langton 8350 Private J. McCarthy 9007 Private A. H. Medhurst 9066 Private G. H. Obee 9745 Private G. Owen 8353 Private J. Packham 8439 Private C. R. Page 9218 Private G. A. Rutherford 9575 Bandsman H. Salisbury 8968 Private J. Shand

9372 Private J. M. McKelvey

DEATH OF A CRIMEAN AND MUTINY VETERAN.

We regret to announce the death of Sergt, Richard Coley, late 97th Regiment, a Crimean and Indian Mutiny veteran, which occurred on March 18th in his 87th year. Thanks to the courtesy of Colonel James, commanding Manchester District, Ashton-under-Lyne, he was buried with full military honours at St. Catherine's Barton-upon-Irwell, in accordance with his last wishes. The fine band of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Old Trafford, were present at the funeral, as also a firing party of the Lancashire Fusiliers. Sergt. Coley was much respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him-Sergt. Coley was in the possession of the following medals:—Crimean (with clasps), Turkish, Mutiny, Long Service and Good Conduct. Along with several other veterans he had the honour of being presented to H.M. the King on the occasion of his visit to Eccles in 1913.

AN OLD RECRUITING POSTER.

The following recruiting poster, a copy of which is in the Gough MS. in the Bodleian Library, may be of interest to our readers. As will be seen from the appended extracts from Fyler's History of the 50th, the poster refers to the raising of that Regiment in 1756.

February 27th, 1756.

All persons, inhabitants of the county of Huntingdon, who are willing to serve their King and country, and will engage themselves in the Fifty-second Regiment of Foot commanded by Major-General Abercrombie, will receive for their enlisting money one guinea and a-half (free from all deductions) if they are five foot five inches high, and two guineas if they are five foot eight inches high, and half a guinea more to supply them with necessaries, on their joining the regiment.

They shall have the farther privilege (if it is their choice not to be enlisted for life) to be engaged only for the term of three years, unless His Majesty should be engaged in a war for a longer term with France, at the expiration of which they shall be entitled to their discharge.

All such persons who have their country's interest at heart, and are ready to exert themselves in defence of their religion and liberties, are desired to apply to the Earl of Sandwich and Huntingdon, where they will meet with all proper encouragement; or in his absence to Major Peter Debrisay, of the said regiment, at his quarters at the Crown Inn at Huntingdon.

At the commencement of the Seven Years' War the 50th and 51st were raised in America for service against the French in Canada, but on the surrender of Oswego on the 14th August, 1756, the greater part of these regiments became prisoners of war; part of them were sent to Canada to be exchanged for French prisoners and the remainder were transported to France.

Such remnants of these regiments as remained in America were transferred to other regiments stationed there, and the officers were placed on half pay, while those non-commissioned officers and men as were in England at the time were transferred to the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Regiment, and finally the establishments of both regiments ceased from December 25th, 1756. In consequence of the continued hostilities between England and France ten regiments of infantry were added to the Regular Army. The first of these regiments was numbered the 52nd Regiment, and Col. James Abercrombie was appointed to the command by a warrant from King George II. dated January 7th, 1756.

This Regiment was first made up as follows:-

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By the Duke of Ancaster	78
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In consequence of the disbanding of the 50th and 51st referred to above, the 52nd became the 50th, and the officers composing the 52nd in the Army List of 1756, became those of the 50th in the Army List of 1757.—G.E.S.

:: News from the Battalions. ::

1st BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. B. BUCHANAN DUNLOP, D.S.O. (Commanding).

The Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion have received the following letter from Major-General R. Wanless-O'Gowan, C.B., Commanding 31st Division, M.E.F.:—

"Major-General Wanless-O'Gowan thanks the Sergeants of the Royal West Kent Regiment for their card wishing him a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, which he only got this morning—February 6th.

"He wishes the Royal West Kents the best of luck and further distinction, and they may nke to know that they have been held up as models of what soluters should be, to the Infantry of this Division."

I have been asked to write to you on two subjects. First, the doings of the Battanion. Some time ago we were somewhere else than here; then something happened and somebody ordered us to come here, and somehow we came one day, and here we are. I hope this is quite clear, but I lear that the censor would object if I put it more definitely. Anyhow, we are at it again.

The second matter I have been asked to write on is my own experiences of trench life. I am a new arrival, or, to be technical, "a recent remiorcement." By the way, "a reinforcement" travelling by himself is a sort of numan registered package. He is sent from place to place, and the utmost secrecy is observed to prevent him knowing until the last possible moment where or when he is going next. On his way he meets two classes of individuals whose duty it is to direct him; the one treats him as a personal insult, the other beams on him with a sunny smile and says: "My dear fellow, why did they send you this way?"—a question most manifestly impossible to answer.

Now as to the trenches. Well, trenches are trenches, and that is all about it; not the least, it is true, like most of the trenches we have seen in England, or even in the illustrated papers. There is one extraordinary thing about them. You look at the map and you see that "the affice him?" runs practically in a straight line E. and W., N. and S., or wnatever it may be. Then you go out and capture the trenches. You are most careful not to put up your head except when you think it pertectly safe; when you do put it up, someone shouts "Look out, they'll get you," and down you come. When this has happened about half-adozen times, you begin to wonder if you are completely encircled by the enemy. When you see the very lights go up at night, you are certain of it! They are all round you. It is the most extraordinary optical illusion I have ever met. I have really got quite a lot more to say, but, as I write, someone reads from the London paper: "Walking Through the Trenches at the Active Service Exhibition is London's most popular amusement." Ye great and little Whiz-bangs! I wonder if they have got rats in the Knightsbridge Trenches; if so, I hope they won't do the same to the conscientious objector at home as they did to the Town Major here—they bit him in the nose. I fear there is singularly little news in this, but I hate to think of giving the censor trouble.

Some day soon we are going to move just a little way to somewhere else, and while there we hope to have some football, which will give us "copy" for next month.

2nd BATTALION.

COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY (Commanding).

February 21st, 1916.

Still I am unable to give any news of our two companies at Kut. They seem to be rather hemmed in, and when accounts of their experiences come to hand there will be more interesting reading than many expect. At this time of the year the rivers rise rapidly owing to the melting of the snows in the mountains, with the result that much of the surrounding land becomes a swamp. By March and April so high does the water rise that in many places therefrare no signs of the river banks remaining and it is difficult to keep to the main stream by boat. This state of affairs will probably determine what is to happen round Kut, and it is to be hoped that the luck will be with us. The Turks in front of Kut have already found it necessary to move back a little.

A month ago strong reinforcements for the Battalion arrived in the country, but as they have gone up the Tigris we know very little about them beyond the fact that they mostly came from the 3rd and 9th Battalions. In consequence this Battalion is now much above its full strength and as fit as ever for any work it may be called on to do.

Since the 7th January the Headquarters with half the Battalion had been in the vicinity of Butanieh, a village about 12 miles from Nasiriyah. It appears that by the efforts of Turkish agents, assisted by German money, the Arabs of the locality had been persuaded to make an attack on the force when it left its ground. Early in the morning there were evident signs of their intentions, and the withdrawal of the night outposts was no easy matter. However by 10 a.m. all our transport was well on the road, and then the business of the day commenced, which at once developed into a rearguard action. The Arabs allowed the convoy to proceed leisurely to Nasiriyah, while we stayed and covered its retirement. This unit was detailed in orders as rearguard, with an Indian Regiment covering the right rear, and it is hard to realise what a severe action of this kind is like against a savage enemy unless one has experienced it. The Arabs against us must have numbered five to one, and at times covered a front of over four miles. They advanced fearlessly and their bravery came as a surprise to many.

Major Woulfe Flanagan was ordered to remain with our small wing (which after deducting escorts numbered only 185) on the camping ground until the whole force got on the move. Here the first casualty occurred—Pte. Ley, 2/6th Devons, being hit in the leg. Through the whole of the day's fighting the carrying back of killed and wounded was a most difficult task.

One of the biggest surprises was experienced as we passed several villages who had formerly professed friendship. These in each case opened fire on our flank, while we were busily engaged with hordes of Arabs in front. At times the situation became so critical that thoughts of "The Thin Red Line" and "Wilson's Last Stand" flashed through the minds of many who were taking part. The 30th Mountain Battery was glorious, and I have heard many expressions of admiration for the Indian gunners who, when the enemy was almost up to their guns, ominously drew their swords. We are proud to have such men serving with us.

Immediately on arrival at Nasiriyah our G.O.C. thanked Major Flanagan for the way in which our men had behaved during the several critical periods of the retirement. Through the steadiness of the men (the only British troops with the rearguard) our casualties were comparatively light, being 17 per cent. of those in the fighting line, The Arabs suffered heavily.

Amongst our casualties I deeply regret to have to record the names of Lieut. W. H. W. Haslam, who was killed, and of Lieut. H. F. Clough, wounded—both of these officers belonging to our 1/4th Battalion. Company Sergeant-Major Newbrook was amongst the other ranks killed. He had earned the Distinguished Conduct Medal on 24th July last, when he was seriously wounded, and this gallant soldier will be sadly missed.

Twenty-four were wounded, and when last heard of were doing well; practically all left for Busra a few days after the fight. The following is a list of those killed or who have died of wounds, and we tender our heartfelt sympathies to those who were dear to them:—Lieut W. H. W. Haslam, 1/4th Battalion; No. 5706 C.S.M. E. Newbrook; No. 1957 Pte. E. Accleton, 1/4th Battalion; No. 1358 Pte. W. Clyne, 1/4th Battalion; No. 2316 Pte. A. Perrin, 1/4th Battalion; No. 9382 Lance-Corpl. W. Freemant; No. 9329 Pte. A. Mortby; No. 5940 Pte. G. Brown.

With regret we have heard of the following being killed at Kut:— No. 9646 Pte. C. Paine; No. 9419 Lance-Corpl. W. Bass; No. 9586 Pte. J. Smith.

Our congratulations are due to the following who have received the D.C.M. for bravery in carrying wounded away on 7th February, 1916 (actual particulars will be sent when published in Force Orders):—No. 8746 Pte. W. Herbert, No. 8896 Pte. G. Vickers.

As a sequel to the treachery of the local Arabs, at 4 a.m. on the 9th February a small column, of which our two companies were part, left Nasiriyah, and at daybreak arrived at the first village, which, with four others, was promptly burnt by the men of the Batalion. There was comparatively little resistance. In the subsequent retirement we suffered another five casualties, of whom we regret No. 8443 Corpl. T. Franklinde and No. 9.462 Ptc. T. Hampton were killed.

On the whole we are rather tired of rearguard actions, having taken part in three during the last month, and the Wing at Kut has performed the same honourable duty in their theatre. We hope our next operations will be part of a united advance. It's a long way to Bagdad.

The other day we received a silver cup won by our Sergeants' team in the race for the Euphrates Championship, which took place at the regatta last Christmas. We much regret that one of the team (C.S.M. Newbrook) is no longer with us.

From Sergeants' Mess Correspondent.

Once more I am requested to write the Sergeant's tale, for the Half-Battalion at Nasiriyah. On the evening of the 31st December, 1915, we endeavoured as far as possible to carry out our usual custom of a dinner and smoking concert. At 7 p.m. about thirty members sat down to an excellent dinner, to which most of them did full justice. At 8 p.m. Sergeant Palmer opened the concert by singing "Dear Homeland." Then Sergeant Franklinde amused the members by telling them in his song that "He was a Soldier." A selection on the graphsphore was closely to be a proposal to the proposal service. selection on the gramaphone was followed by a song by the R.S.M. entitled, "Sweet Kitty Wells." After a short interval Sergeant Ballard sang, "Old King Cole," for which he was warmly applauded.

The Colonel then spoke to us for a few minutes, and in expressing his thanks for the good work done by the Officers and Sergeants under him, told us that we had obtained a good name from the Army Commander, and he (the Colonel) had been the recipient of congratulation, etc., from all quarters. The Colonel also expressed regret at his expected departure, and hoped that we might have our next Annual Dinner under more normal conditions (I am we light have dat been that a line withing the foregoing, the Colonel has been wounded and left for India). General Brooking who came along to the concert said:—It may have appeared to several of us, that the trench digging, wall building, etc., on which we had been engaged, was unnecessary, but by so doing we had assisted the Army Commander in his operations, almost as much as other regiments which had seen a good deal of heavy fighting on the Tigris. On the Tigris line our other Half Battalion had fighting on the Tigris. On the Tigris line our other Half Battalion had assisted considerably in the retirement on to Kut-Al-Amarah, which had been undertaken to avoid unnecessary loss. We on our side had helped to keep the country quiet by our tramps abroad from Nasiriyah, over country which was not pleasant for marching, but which the General assured us were quite necessary. The General concluded his remarks by telling us that General Gorringe was very pleased with our work and wished us a "Happy New Year." At 11 p.m. the concert was brought to a close by the members singing, "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem. On the 7th January, 1916, C Company left Nasiriyah for Butiniyah, a distance of about twelve miles. On the 11th January the remainder of the Half Battallon marched out and joined up at Butiniyah. On the 14th we were called out to assist the 12th Brigade, which had got into trouble with Arabs from Shattra. From the 14th January to the 6th February, we had a fairly quiet time, with just the usual outpost duties and convoy duty, etc. On the 7th we struck camp and prepared to march back on Nasiriyah, but we were rather surprised to have to extend before we left the camp site. For about eight or nine miles we fought a rearguard action, and at times it was very warm. During this action. I am sorry to say we lost some of our comrades, warm. During this action I am sorry to say we lost some of our comrades, but as a consolation, once more we received praises from our General, who this time was Brigadier-General Tidswell, as we had been transferred to the 34th Brigade on the 14th January. On the 9th February we paraded at 3.15 a.m., and had another go at the Arabs, but I am sorry to say once more we did not get away scot free, as we lost a few more chums. We went out once more on the 22nd, and caused a little excitement by shelling the rabs who were apparently closing in on Nasiriyah, this time I am pleased to state we had no casualties. As you will see by the foregoing, things have been getting a little more lively of late. a little more lively of late.

Return of Officers of the above Corps, showing employment, etc.:-Colonel S. H. Pedley, wounded, on passage home.

Major R. J. Woulfe Flanagan, Nasiriyah (Commanding Battalion).

Major C. E. Kitson, on Tigris Line.

Major J. W. Nelson, Kut-al-Amara.

Major H. D. Belgrave, D.A. and Q.M.G., 12th Division Headquarters.

Major C. R. Ingram, D.A. and Q.M.G., General Headquarters.

Captain M. J. Dinwiddy, Kut-al-Amara.

Captain C. W. Case-Morris, sick, General Hospital, Colaba. Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.A.A.G., General Headquarters. Captain A. K. Searight, Commanding Depot, Nasirabad.

Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy, Nasiriyah, Captain A. S. Bredon, Nasiriyah,

Captain J. B. B. Ford, Egypt. Captain C. F. Battyre, Nasiriyah. Captain V. S. Clarke, Kut-al-Amara.

Capt. O. G. R. Barnes, leave, ex India, medical certificate 6 months.

Lieut. A. G. Balbernie, Nasirabad.

Lieut. R. Harrison, sick, U.K. Lieut. A. Howe, sick, U.K.

Lieut. C. V. Madgett, sick, U.K.

Lieut. A. H. Piggott, Nasirabad. 2nd Lieut, A. C. Hart, Qr.-Mr. British Military Base Depot (Temp.). 2nd Lieut, J. Mills, Kut-al-Amara. 2nd Lieut, E. May, Kut-al-Amara.

2nd Lieut. W. Dix, Nasiriyah.

Lieut, and Quartermaster F. Grey, Nasiriyah,

Captain F. A. Robinson (R.A.M.C.), Nasiriyah. Lieut. T. D. Marsball (1/5th R.W.K. Regt, att.), Nasiriyah.

Lieut. H. F. Clough (1/4th R.W.K. Regt. att.), wounded, British

General Hospital, Busra.

Lieut. A. F. Hooper (1/5th R.W.K. Regt. att.), Nasiriyah. Lieut. E. B. Burns (1/5th Batt. the Buffs att.), Kut-al-Amara. Lieut. S. B. Gregory (2/4th Batt. Devon Regt. att.), Kut-al-Amara.

Amara.

Lieut. E. L. Watson (2/6th Batt. Devon Regt. att.), Nasiriyah.

3rd BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COL. SIR A. S. T. GRIFFITH-BOSCAWEN (Commanding).

An important event has occurred during the past month as far as the 3rd Battalion is concerned, and that is the break up of the Depot Training Battalion, with the result that all the recruits are now under the immediate command and control of the Commanding Officer and no

longer part of a separate Battalion as formerly

Owing to sickness in the town, we all suddenly had to clear out of our comfortable billets, and go under canvas on the 18th March. The first two nights were gloriously fine and warm, but on the third day the rain fell and continued without a break for 36 hours, when it ceased, and a gale of great strength sprang up and dried the sodden tents. We have also had snow and hard night frosts, indeed there is not much else for the Clerk of the Weather to try on us now except some warmth and sunshine, which, let us hope, will accrue before very long.

On the 7th at Buckley Institute we had a most interesting lecture on the Indian Mutiny from the C.O., who was in splendid form, and all those who have had the good fortune to attend any of his "talks" will know what that means. By the way, he is at the moment Acting G.O.C. 1st Thames and Medway Brigade, owing to the regrettable indisposition

of Brigadier-General Lumley, C.B.

The various Guards round and about Chatham are so many that it has been found necessary to appoint a Garrison Battalion with Head-quarters at Fort Clarence. Our contribution included 2nd Lieuts. Hoskins, Clarke, Stuart and Taaffe and 117 men, who took over from the 25th March. The title of this Battalion is the 1st Home Service Garrison Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment.

A Labour Company has also been formed and has as its full title 1st Infantry Works Company, R.W. Kent Regiment. The O.C. is 2nd Lieut.

Waring.

The following Officers have joined the Battalion since the last issue of the Gazette:-2nd Lieut. R. H. Farnfield, from Royal Flying Corps; 2nd

Lieut. R. K. Matheson, on first appointment.

The following Officers have left during the same period:—Captain H. A. Waring, to Adjutant, 1st Battalion; Captain H. B. Wheeler, to 8th Battalion; Lieut. S. C. Tinne, to Royal Flying Corps; 2nd Lieut. C. W. B. Jarvis, to Expeditionary Force; 2nd Lieut. H. Latimer, to Expeditionary Force; 2nd Lieut. E. H. Siddeley, to Expeditionary Force; Captain M. H. Woods, resigned.

1-4th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. N. WATNEY, T.D. (Commanding).

Jubbulpore. February 29th, 1916.

The cry of the moment here in Jubbulpore is Brigade Training, or something which very much resembles it. The explanation is that we—at any rate, for the time being—form part of what is officially designated "No. 2 Mobile Column," and the column in question is undergoing a three weeks' strenuous training in our immediate neighbourhood. As at present constituted it consists of one battery of the 3rd Home Counties Brigade R.F.A., one squadron of the 32nd Lancers, and the 1/4th and 1/5th Battalions of the Royal West Kent Regiment. We are therefore brought once again into contact with our sister Battalion, whom we meet for the first time since we both embarked at Southampton for India on October 29th, 1914

The training is being watched, and generally supervised by Major-General Lloyd Payne, the G.O.C. the 5th (Mhow) Division, and by Brigadier-Generals Poore and Prendergast, commanding the Jhansi and Jubbulpore Brigades respectively. Needless to say, our inclusion in this specially constituted column has given a decided fillip to the energies of our old acquaintance, "Dame Rumour," and from all sources we are assailed with stories of what is to happen to us when the training is finished. Generally speaking, however, these all tend in one direction that of a rapid change to a more northern station in the very near future. Some of the storytellers even go so far as to assert that we are booked for Peshawar, and the 5th for Rawal Pindi, while others mention the name of the regiment that is to relieve us here in Jubb. But we have all heard so much of this sort of thing in the past that we are beginning to pay very little heed to it now. At any rate, so far there is absolutely nothing in the way of official information regarding a move, and that being so, all I can say with reference is that "I ha' me

The 1/5th Battalien arrived here from Jhansi on the morning of February 14th. They were met at the station by our band, and on arrival in barracks each company was taken over by its corresponding unit, and provided with breakfast. It was originally intended that the whole force should bivouac in various places in the district during the whole of the training, but several difficulties to this scheme presented themselves, and it was eventually abandoned in favour of making a permanent headquarters in Jubbulpore and working the various schemes from that centre. The 5th are accommodated within the precincis of our own barracks, about half of them being housed in empty bungalows, and the remainder under canvas. The officers have found temporary shelter in some of the unoccupied married quarters, while both they and the sergeants are fed-during such times as the training has permitted meals to be partaken of in the orthodox manner-in the respective messes of the 4th Battalion.

Taken on the whole the programme of work set by those responsible for the training has been of a thoroughly comprehensive and practical character. It commenced with the usual route marches, with advance and rear guards, etc., and gradually progressed to more elaborate schemes of attack and defence, outposts, entrenchments, etc., etc. The operations have also included the infantry in attack of a position with ball ammunition, supported by artillery fire, cross-country night marches, the escort and attack of convoys, etc., several of the schemes set keeping the troops out of barracks for two or three days at a time. The opposition has in nearly all cases been provided by the remaining troops of the Jubbulpore Garrison, both European and Native, even the Nagpore Volunteer Rifles being called upon to render assistance on more than one occasion.

The training will be brought to a conclusion on Wednesday next, and unless present arrangements are interfered with, the 1/5th Battalion will leave for Jhansi on the following day. The association of the two Battalions has, of course, resulted in the revival of many old acquaintances and a certain amount of friendly rivalry with regard to various branches of sport. The manœuvres have naturally not permitted too great an amount of time to be devoted to pastimes, but such facilities as have been available have been taken full advantage of. Our visitors undoubtedly possess a very fine football team. Three matches have been played. In the first the 5th were successful by one goal to nil, the second ended in a draw of one goal each, while the last again resulted in a defeat of the home battalion, this time by three goals to one. The corporals of the two Battalions also tried conclusions, and here again a drawn game resulted. At hockey, too, the 1/5th claimed the victory by three goals to one, but the tables were turned in a game of cricket. which resulted in a victory for the 1/4th by four wickets. The actual scores when stumps were drawn were:-1/5th Batt. 182, 1/4th 219 for nine. An inter-company tug-of-war was also arranged, but here the 1/5th came a cropper, for their four company teams were all defeated by their opponents of the 1/4th, and they failed to win a single pull in the whole contest. The ultimate victory eventually rested with "A" Company of ours, who defeated "C" in the final round.

In addition to the training, one or two other items have happened during the month that are perhaps worthy of a brief reference.

On Sunday, the 13th of February, practically the whole of the European troops in the station were present at the consecration ceremony of the new Garrison Church, This was performed by the Lord Bishop of Nagpore, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Price, and practically all the clergy, both military and civil, in Jubbulpore and district. The Rev. Dr. Cullen (late C.F.) acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and carried the pastoral staff. The choir of Christ Church was in attendance, and the instrumental portion of the music was provided by our band. The church, which is dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels, is an exceedingly fine and handsome cruciform structure in the Early English style of architecture, and is capable of accommodating about 1,500 persons. Previous to the opening of this new building the parade services have all been held in the civilian church here, but in future, of course, the troops of the Garrison will all attend their own place of worship.

News has recently been received of the draft that we sent to the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia. They were engaged in the recent severe fighting, and we regret to hear have suffered some losses as a consequence. Of the two officers sent from this Battalion, one, Lieut. W. Haslam, has been killed, and the other, Lieut. Clough, wounded. Lance-Corpl. Perrin, Pte. Clyne, and Pte. Accleton are also amongst those reported killed in action, and Pte. Waterhouse, Pte. Larter and Pte. Chesson wounded.

We regret to have to record the loss of our popular medical officer, Cantain R. W. Moffatt. C.M.G., R.A.M.C., who has been with the Battalion since October, 1914. He sailed from Bombay on the homeward journey on Monday last, having been transferred in the hope that he will obtain more useful work than that of attending to the ills of a regiment on garrison duty in India.

Three more officers, namely, Captain Watney, Captain Locket and Lieut, Rooker, as well as two N.C.O.'s have left us to undergo a course of instruction at the School of Signalling at Kasauli, while another party of officers and N.C.O.'s are being despatched to the School of Musketry at Pachmarhi next month.

Early in February the Sergeants shot a return match against a team representing the Staff of the Gun Carriage Factory, in which they again secured the victory by a narrow margin.

Just as I am bringing this to a conclusion official information has come to hand regarding the arrival of another Battalion in this station. They are the 7th Hants from Secunderabad, and are expected during the course of the next few days. They will be quartered at the Ridge Barracks, which have been unoccupied since they were vacated by the 2nd Cheshire Regiment soon after the outbreak of hostilities. Our 1/5th Battalion have also, we understand, received orders confirming their suggested transfer to Rawal Pindi. These two pieces of news, of course, lend a little colour to the persistent rumours regarding our own change of station, for it is obvious that with the garrison duties that have to be

performed in connection with the Gun Carriage Factory, we can only be moved after another regiment has arrived to relieve us. On the other hand it is quite possible that they have no significance at all so far as we are concerned, for in the ordinary way this is always a two-battation station. But, as I think has been said before, we must "wait and see."

4/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. D. DISNEY-ROEBUCK (Commanding).

Cambridge, 24th March, 1916.

Readers of the Gazette have heard little of us up to the present, but for the future we hope to hold a place in the "News from the Battalions." For we are a Battalion at last, thanks to the Derby recruits.

We began our existence at Tonbridge in the early days of July last, when recruits were as rare as golden sovereigns and created quite a sensation on arrival. Those days of slow growth were days of "courses" for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and when we grew to a respectable size at Cambridge a staff of "experts" was "eligible and available" to start work at once.

And it's work now. They were easy times when N.C.O.'s predominated and rambled round Tonbridge vainly hoping to find a recruit. Now you ramble round vainly hoping to find a spare N.C.O.

Experts rule. Physical training and bayonet fighting, musketry, bombing, trenching, signalling, this gun, that gun—all have their specialists, whose enthusiasm convinces one even when logic rules them out.

Variety is assured, and we mark the days of the week by our programme of work. Our jaunts to the Gog Magogs for trenching are enjoyed by all, and though Men of Kent and Kentish Men disparagingly speak of them as "pimples," they are really sufficiently elevated to ensure a good view of the surrounding country, the inhabitants of which reverently speak of the Gog Magog Hills.

Little time for play is now our lot, so we play hard when we have the chance, and though we lost three football matches in succession—each by the odd goal—we won the fourth, 6—0, and mean to win some more, The cross-country runners, led by 2nd Lieut. MacNicol, are making great strides, and have surprised us by their good form.

At the time of writing Dame Rumour is very busy, and a list of the places we are going to would, arranged alphabetically, resemble an atlas index. But we are going somewhere, some time, evidently, so we cheerfully peg away while we are at Cambridge, training recruits and finding drafts for other "4ths "overseas; and so linking ourselves on to the great traditions of the Queen's Own, and striving to hand on untarnished our regimental motto—"Quo fas et gloria ducunt."

2/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. B. WILLIS (Commanding).

We are still in Tonbridge, brightened only by the thought that we may soon be out of it, and under canvas; it is difficult to suppose that wherever we may go, more rain, damp and mud can be our lot.

Training has proceeded in the usual manner for the last two months as far as the weather has allowed. Even football has been difficult to arrange.

On January 26th the Officers of the Battalion gave a dramatic performance in the Big School Hall, Tonbridge, playing a triple bill. "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," with the same caste as reported in the January Q.O.G.; second, "In and Out of a Punt," a clever duologue most ably done by Miss Le Fleming and 2nd Lieut. H. G. Evans; and "French as She is Spoke." The principal performers in the latter were Miss Le Fleming as the French girl, in which she showed striking talent; Miss Hulkes, as the manageress of the Hotel Avanta, was quietly self-possessed and got as much work out of the part as possible; Captain L. M. Brewis gave a really professional rendering of the excitable French father; while 2nd Lieut. C. H. Hartman, as the interpreter who spoke English only, was really "great," and his performance, like that of Captain Brewis, showed that his acquaintance with the stage is not of recent origin. The other parts were well handled by 2nd Lieut. H. G. Evans as Charlie Lingard, Lieut. G. H. Payne as the Police Inspector, Lieut. D. Y. Hay as the constable, and 2nd Lieut. H. V. Russell as the waiter. The piece produced roars of laughter, and the general verdict was "quite professional." If credit is due to the actors, more should be said of those responsible for painting the scenery, doing all the lighting effects, and carrying out with such success the thousand and one things necessary to transform a platform into a completed fitted stage. Lieut. P. A. Gedge, Lieut. D. Y. Hay and 2nd Lieut. C. L. Fannthorpe were responsible for most of the hard work involved, while

Officers' stervants have been noticed with valises of all shapes and sizes, paying frequent visits to the weighing machine in the Quartermaster's stores.

We hope that the Editor will have room for the undermentioned names of those in the Battalion who have previously served in other names of those in the Battalion who have previously served in other Battalions of the Regiment. No doubt many of the names will be recognised by members of our senior Battalions:—C.O., Lieut.Colonel A. Wood Martyn, 1st Batt.; 2nd in command, Major W. F. Soames, 2nd V.B. and Depot; Captain Wild, 1st and 3rd Batt.; R.S.M. E. Cozens, 1st Batt. and Depot; C.R.Q.M.S. L. C. Waern, 1st, 2nd and Depot; C.S.M. F. Warren, 2nd Batt.; C.S.M. G. W. Pullen, 2nd and 3rd Batt.; C.S.M. J. Miles, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. J. Redmond, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. A. Simmonds, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. W. Bishon, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. G. Homan att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. J. Redmond, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. A. Simmonds, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. W. Bishop, att. 1st and 2nd; C.S.M. G. Homan, att 1st and 2nd; Sergt. W. Langridge, 1st and Depot; Sergt. H. Wells, 1st Batt.; Sergt. C. Jeffreys, 2nd Batt.; Sergt. Cramp, 2nd Batt.; Sergt. W. Johnston (tailor), 1st and 2nd; Corpl. Moon, 6th Batt.; Corpl. Cramp, 3rd 3att.; Pte. J. Gasson, 1st Batt.; Pte. Everest, 1st Batt.; Pte. Mockford, 1st Batt.; Pte. Shilling, 2nd Batt.; Pte. Cowlard, 1st Batt.; Pte. Budding, 2nd Batt.; Sergt. Ryan, 1st Batt. 2nd Batt.; Sergt. Ryan, 1st Batt.

11th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. F. TOWNSHEND (Commanding).

The past month has been the most strenuous from the point of view of training since the formation of the Battalion, the weather conditions being such that the rifle tests have been exceedingly difficult from beginning to end; yet everything has been done cheerfully and with good temper.

Some changes among the Officers have taken place. Captain G. F. Pragnell (whose father, so well-known during the Catford days, died almost suddenly) has been temporarily attached to the 124th Brigade, Captain A. J. Jimenez as Adjutant. Major Heron (6th Yorks) has been transferred to the Battalion and posted to "A" Company, thus taking the place of Major Corfe, now second in command. 2nd Lieut. Bateman has become Signalling Officer, vice Lieut, Jackson, transferred to the 12th Battalion. 2nd Lieut, C. F. Hale has been appointed Musketry Instructor, vice Captain Stone, now attached to "C" Company. The new subalterns include 2nd Lieuts, Henderson, Malpass, Rogers, Allen, H. R. Smith, Cooksey and Mansfield

Now that the C.S.M.'s have been appointed in the place of Instructor C.S.M.'s, the men are beginning to work independently. The C.S.M.'s are:- 'A Co., Garland; "B" Co., Smith; "C" Co., Gilliot; "D" Co.,

The work of R.S.M. Goulds and C.S.M. Instructors Tranter and Haley will still be available and equally well appreciated.

The concert arranged by Mr. Hampson in the Recreation Room was much appreciated, while the entertainment arranged by R.S.M. Goulds, in which all the performers were members of the Sergeants' Mess, was a great success. The third concert of the month, arranged by the Battalion; took place at the Northampton Institute.

An interesting event was the supper at the Sergeants' Mess, attended by Lieut. Colonel Townshend and the Officers, at which some interesting speeches were made, that of the C.O. being particularly felicitous. The speeches were made, that of the C.O. being particularly fencious. The following were among those who took part in the musical programme: Sergts, Germer, Springhett, Perry, Titshall, Jenkins, Woods, Baynes, F. Buddell, Middleton, Q.M.S. Pearson, Col.-Sergt, (O.R.S.) Austen, C.Q.S. Bernard and Sergt, Drummer Hopkins. The Sergeants' Band made a first, and very successful, appearance.

The Recreation Room in the Barracks has been opened on Sunday afternoons for the reception of the wives and friends of the men, and through the kind aid of Mrs. Towsey (wife ofthe Brigadier), ladies have attended and refreshments have been obtainable. Mrs. Towsey has been present each Sunday and taken a lively interest in the experiment.

12th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. G. JEFFREYS (Commanding).

Another unit has been added to the Regiment under the above description. It is a Local Reserve Battalion, and is at present at Northampton. Colonel A. G. Jeffreys, late Wiltshire Regiment, has been appointed to the command, with Major A. J. P. Annesley, transferred from 11th Battalion, as second in command.

1st Home Service Garrison Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. W. WARDEN (Commanding).

Another unit has been added to the Regiment under the above title. It is at present quartered at Fort Clarence, Chatham, and is commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Warden.

1st Infantry Works Company Royal West Kent Regiment.

A Labour Company with the above title has been formed, under the Command of 2nd Lieut. Waring, 3rd Battalion.

1st CADET BATTALION, THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT),

Affiliated to the 5th Battalion (T.F.)-Bromley.

We have been requested to publish the following:-

ANNUAL REPORT, 1915.

In submitting this Report for the year ending 30th September, it may be considered as one of exceptional record for the Unit I have the honour to command.

I beg to state that to date, 33 Officers have been transferred to the Senior Forces; of this number, one was appointed to the General Staff, one is now Captain and Adjutant of a Regular Bettalion, two others are Captains commanding double companies, two are junior Captains, one Officer has received the D.S.O., two have been killed in action and four others formed in the captain the captains. figure in the casualty lists.

Six Officers have joined the 5th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment (T.F.), to which my Unit is affiliated.

In round figures to date, 500 rank and file have been transferred to the Senior Forces since the declaration of War, of which there are on record cases of Cadets receiving commission after enlistment.

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A very large percentage have been transferred to the 5th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment (T.F.).

Our efficient brass band of 47 performers is now greatly depleted owing to the majority of members doing duty in various branches of the Service, but a strong drum, fife and bugle band of 30 Cadets has been raised and is in a high state of efficiency, and their services at various recruiting meetings and rallies in the County have been much appreciated

With regards to musketry, a 50 yards open air range has been constructed, and others are in use, these proving of great value in promoting the general efficiency of musketry.

In view of Army Order 9/Gen /No. 4696, January 3rd, 1915, the training of the Cadets of my Battalion is now carried out under the 4 Company organization.

organization.

In consequence of the impossibility of drawing camp stores this year, the Battalion was concentrated in a large private building at Bromley for the Annual Training during August, and much benefit was derived from the work carried out.

The Training was steady, beneficial and progressive.

The Battalion has greatly benefited by the closer association with the Senior Forces in the County, particularly the 5th Battalion Royal West Regiment (T.F.)

Mention might be made of the formation of an efficient signalling section, including field telegraphy, also a special cyclist section trained in scouting and reconnaissance, thus increasing the usefulness of field training

Notwithstanding the losses by transfers to the senior forces, the Battalion is now stronger in numbers than at the end of last year.

The financial position of the Unit (which is self supporting) is as good as could be expected, considering the many calls made upon private purses the contract was a regarizations. by the many war organizations

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Stress is laid on the fact that this Battalion is one of "senior" Cadets,
the age limit, height and physical standards being strictly observed.

Official inspections of Cadet Units being dispensed with this year, an
un official inspection was held by an Officer of the Territoral Force, whose report was very satisfactory and complimentary to me and the Officers serving under me.

(Signed) W. J. BARRAT, Lieut.-Colonel, 1st Cadet Battalion, Royal West Kent Regt.

October, 1915.

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Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6/- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This orrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 4/- a year. Will others do the same?

NOTES.

Lieutenants (Temporary Captain) V. S. Clarke and O. G. R. Barnes, 2nd Battalion, have been promoted Captains, and 2nd Lieutenant C. Madgett and A. H. Pigott, 2nd Batt., have been promoted Lieutenants.

Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood, 3rd Battalion, has been appointed an Assistant Instructor at the Machine Gun Corps Training Centre

Temp. Captain R. W. Grant, 8th Battalion, has been transferred to 9th Battalion.

Temp. Major A. J. P. Annesley, 11th Battalion, has been transferred to the 12th Battalion (Local Reserve).

Major C. V. Malony, Second in Command 10th Battalion, having been found temporarily unfit for Active Service, is attached for duty

to the 12th Battalion. * * * * * * * *

The undermentioned officers have been appointed Brigade Majors:— Captain B. Johnstone, from Adjutant 7th Batt. Warwick Regiment; Temporary Captain J. C. Cooke from Army Cyclist Corps.

Brigadier-General J. W. O'Dowda is Commanding a Brigade in the 13th Division, and not in the 29th Division as we previously announced, and Lieut.-Colonel R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O., is G.S.O. 1st grade in the same Division.

2nd Lieut, W. U. Ross, 8th Battalion, reported died of wounds in our last issue, should have been described as Temporary Captain, his appointment in that rank, bearing date of September 27th, 1915.

The following N.C.O. has been promoted to Second Lieutenant for Service in the Field, and is posted to 8th Battalion: Co. Q.M. Sergt. F. Mills, 6th Batt. (late 1st Batt.).

Captain M. H. Woods, 3rd Batt., has resigned his commission.

Temp. Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Venables (Major R. of O.) relinquishes his temporary rank on vacating command of the 6th Battalion.

Temp. Captain L. M. Kepp-Page, 11th Batt., is transferred to the 12th Battalion.

Temp. Captain R. W. Borissow and Temp. Lieut. L. A. Hubble, 9th Battalion, are transferred to the 1st Garrison Batt. Essex Regiment.

Temp. Second Lieut. C. E. Stern, 10th Batt. Cheshire Regiment, has been transferred to 5th Batt. Royal West Kent.

Second Lieuts. A. E. Carpenter, 1st Batt., and G. P. Burdett, 3rd Batt., have been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

Temp. Second Lieut. L. O. Crowther, 9th Batt., has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

Captain E. P. C. Amphlett, Worcestershire Regiment, has been appointed Temporary Major in the 10th Battalion

Lieut, H. B. H. White, D.S.O., 1st Battalion, has been promoted Captain, and 2nd Lieut, C. H. Windrum, 1st Batt, has been promoted Lieutenant.

Temp. Lieut. C. H. Wickham, 10th Batt., has been promoted Temp

Temp. Lieuts. Sir H. C. W. Hawley, Bart., and E. J Innocent, 9th Batt., have been transferred to a Service Battalion.

Temp. Captain the Hon. P. Bowes Lyon, Temp. Captain T. H. Hawes, Temp. Lieut. G. N. Bunyard, and Temp. 2nd Lieut. L. Hinge, all of the 10th Batt, also 2nd Lieuts. G. D. Meadowcroft and P. T. Stanley, of the 11th Batt., have been transferred to the 12th Battalion.

Lieutenant F. L. Monckton, 3/4th Batt., and Temp. 2nd Lieut, J. H. E. Whitehead, 9th Batt., relinquish their commissions on account of ill-

Temp. 2nd Lieut, G. E. Beney, 9th Batt., has been transferred to the Essex Garrison Battalion, with the rank of Temp. Lieutenant.

Captain W. V. Palmer, 1st Batt., has been appointed an Assistant Instructor of a Y.O.C. at Richmond, Yorks.

Temp. Captain C. F. Webber, 7th Batt., has been transferred to the 9th Battalion

Temp. 2nd Lieut. R. G. Johnston, 9th Batt., resigns his commission on account of ill-health. * *

Second Lieuts, F. C. Needham, C. E. Waite, L. A. Beadle, R. H. W. Roberts, and J. S. Fleming, 9th Batt., have been transferred to the Ser-

The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants of the 9th Battalion are transferred in the same rank to Service Battalions:—R. G. Rogers, M. H. Allen, C. E. Malpass, and D. D. Smith.

All who knew Sergeant-Major W. H. Nobler will be pleased to hear All who knew Sergeant-Major W. H. Nobler will be pleased to hear that he is soldiering once more. He was specially enlisted for the Aus-tralian Imperial Force, although over age, and has been posted to the 11th Depot Battalion, but is at present doing duty at Military Head-quarters in Brisbane. He patriotically consented to be enlisted as corporal, but we have no doubt it will not be long before he attains his former rank

Captain H. B. H. White, D.S.O., has been posted to 1st Battalion of the Egyptian Army at Wad Medani, Sudan.

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The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants to be Temp. Lieutenants:—F. C. Turnpenny, 10th Batt.; C. B. Smith, 11th Batt.; A. J. S. Pearson, 10th Batt. *

Lieut, L. E. Wilson, 2/4th Batt., has been appointed Temp. Captain. * * * * * *

Temp. 2nd Lieut. 11. 0. 2. Reserve Regiment of Cavalry. Temp. 2nd Lieut. H. J. B. Hunt, 9th Batt., has been transferred to a *

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Temp. Lieutenants:-W. L. Wigan, 1st Batt. att. 8th Batt. (since died of wounds); G. T. Stone-* * * * *

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants of 9th Battalion relinquish their commission:-D. L. Stokes (on account of ill-health), E. B. Cook, J. F. S. Hall and T. E. A O'Malley.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. G. T. Mansfield, 9th Batt., is transferred to a Service Battalion.

Temp. Lieut. R. D. Jackson, 11th Batt., is transferred to 12th Battalion * * * * *

Major A. Vaughan-Cowell, 2/5th Batt., has been promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and given command of the 2/4th Batt. of the Buffs. His loss to the Regiment will be much felt. He was instrumental in obtaining a large number of recruits for the Regiment, and also interested himself greatly in obtaining subscriptions to Sir E. Leach's Comforts Fund, and also to The Queen's Own Gazette, for whom he acted as correspondent for the 3/5th Battalion. He formerly served in the Royal Navy.

R. N. R. Blaker, the Cambridge University and Kent cricketer, has joined the Regiment as a private.

Lieut, F. B. Le Cocq, who is with our Salonika Detachment, has been promoted Temporary Captain whilst commanding a Company of a Service Battalion.

Temp. Major G. A. Heron, 6th Batt. Yorkshire Regiment has been transferred to the same rank to one of our Service Battalions.

Major A. E. Norton, West India Regiment, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) in one of our Territorial Battalions,

2nd Lieut. W. E. Hewett, 9th Batt., has been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

Lieut, S. C. Tinne, 1st Batt., has quitted the 3rd Battalion at Chatham to undergo a course of instruction at the Royal Flying Corps School * *

on half-pay owing to ill-health. Colonel (Temp. Major-General) F. G. Wintour, C.3. has been placed

The following extract from the London Gazette of March 29th, is somewhat of a curiosity:-

R.W. Kent Regiment.—Captain (Temp. Major) H. Smithers to be Temp. Lieut.-Colonel (September 16th); Captain (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) H. Smithers reverts to temporary rank of Major, with precedence as H. Smithers reverts to temporary rank of Major, with precedence as from April 25th, 1915 (October 8th); the announcements of the promotion and reversion of Captain (Temp. Major) F. Johnson, in Gazettes of February 28th, 1915, and February 25th, 1915, respectively, are cancelled; Captain F. Johnson to be Temp. Major (September 16th); Captain (Temp. Major) F. Johnson to be Temp. Lieut.-Colonel (October 8th); Captain (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) F. Johnson reverts to temporary rank of Major on alteration in posting, with precedence as from September 16th (October 29th); Captain (Temp. Major) F. Johnson relinquishes temporary rank of Major on alteration in posting with precedence as from October 14th, 1914 (December 28th, 1915).

Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., has been appointed General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, 46th Division, and granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Quartermaster-Sergeant G. P. S. Johnson, -th Batt., has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant for Service in the Field.

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* * Temp. Lieut. F. P. Owens, 9th Batt., relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health. * *

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Second Lieut. (on probation) H. J. C. Millett, 3rd Batt., resigns his

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of April :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain G. Y. Gross. Lieutenant W. M. Dobie.

Lieutenant O. R. Nicholas, attached Connaught Rangers. 2nd-Lieutenant C. C. Field, attached Suffolks.

WOUNDED.

Major C. E. Kitson. Lieutenant Sir H. C. W. Hawley, Bart. Lieutenant W. Booth, attached Connaught Rangers. Lieutenant C. V. Madgett, attached Connaught Rangers. and-Lieutenant J. Eldridge.

MISSING UNOFFICIALY WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

and-Lieutenant C. W. P. Selby, attached Royal Flying Corps.

Captain G. Y. Gross was educated at Epsom, and previous to the war served in the Inns of Court O.T.C. He received a commission in the 3rd Battalion on August 17th, 1914, and joined the Expeditionary Force on October 3rd, 1914, being attached to the Royal Berkshire Regiment, where he was wounded. On his recovery he rejoined the 3rd Battalion, with which he served until April 22nd, 1915, when he once more went out to the Expeditionary Force, this time being posted to one of the Battalions of the Regiment. He was a most capable officer, and most popular with all ranks.

Lieutenant W. M. Dobie was educated at Marlborough, and Caius College, Cambridge, and was a member of the He joined the 3rd Battalion on October 7th, 1914, and on May 15th, 1915, joined one of the Battalions of the Regiment, serving with the Expeditionary Force. He was an exceptionally able officer, and his loss will be much felt.

2nd-Lieutenant C. C. Field was educated at King's School, Canterbury, and Keble College, Oxford. He enlisted in September, 1914, in one of the Public Schools Battalions, and received his commission in 8th Battalion of the Regiment in January, 1915. In July he was transferred to the 9th Battalion, and later on to the Regular Battalions. He joined the Expeditionary Force in October of that year, being attached to the Suffolk Regiment. When he was killed he was in charge of a machine gun section. A very promising officer, his loss is much to be deplored.

Lieutenant O. R. Nicholas before the war served for three years with the Oxford University Volunteers. He joined the 3rd Battalion on 15th August, 1914, and went to the Expeditionary Force in February, 1916, and was attached to the

Connaught Rangers at the time of his death. Lieutenant Nicholas gave up a brilliant scholastic position as law coach at Oxford to join the army, and during the months he was with the 3rd Battalion he made himself a universal favourite. A capable officer, he will be long regretted by a host of friends both in military and scholastic life.

N.C.O.'s AND MEN. KILLED IN ACTION.

10824	Pte. W. H. G. Brownjohn	400	Pte. A. Richmond
320	Pte. W. H. G. Brownjohn Pte. R. Brown Pte. H. Dowland Pte. E. Hughes Pte A Luckie	5837	Pte. W. Akehurst
997	Pte. H. Dowland	251	Pte. E. H. Collins
432	Pte. E. Hughes	10858	Pte. J. Johnson
339	Pte. A. Luckie	6277	Pte. R. W. Livesay
5528	Pte. T. Redford	6467	Pte. V. H. Mackleden
2933	Pte. F. Tween	6977	Pte. A. S. Packham
7605	Pte. A. Luckie Pte. T. Redford Pte. F. Tween Corpl. P. Hickmore	4141	Pte. C. Reynolds
4623	LCorpl. A. Crownurse	4956	Pte. B. Taylor
520	L-Corpl. A. Crownurst Pte. J. W. Booker LCorpl. W. Cotterell Pte. H. Knight Pte. A. Loft Pte. R. W. Overy Pte. F. Raymond Pte. T. R. Stapleton Pte. J. H. Underwood Pte. R. Vousden Pte. A. Wybourne Pte. A. Neck Pte. J. Slade Pte. H. Stoneham Pte. O. Matthews	4138	Pte. E. J. Vaughan
219	LCornl. W. Cotterell	6122	Pte. C. Wren
333	Pte. H. Knight	971	Pte. J. W. Arnold
5718	Pte. A. Loft	8837	Pte. E. J. Money
233	Pte. R. W. Overy	1392	Sergt. J. Hunter
314	Pte. F. Raymond	9860	LSergt. J. A. A. Cover
108	Pte. T. R. Stapleton	4543	Pte. J. M. Edwards
5477	Pte. J. H. Underwood	8855	Pte. F. Stevenson
10654	Pte. R. Vousden	9218	Pte. A. Fox
8656	Pte. A. Wybourne	8370	LCorpl. A. Lucas
8968	Pte. A. Neck	4843	Pte. E. H. Hart
524	Pte. J. Slade	3558	Pte. T. Francis
848	Pte. H. Stoneham	5259	Co. SergtMaj. F. Crossle;
5563	Pte. O. Matthews	4897	Pte. E. G. Tolhurst
5172	Pte. M. J. Purcell	9385	Pte. E. Russell
10423	Pte. H. Stonenam Pte. O. Matthews Pte. M. J. Purcell Pte. W. Butler Pte. J. Jenning LCorpl. G. H. Johns	5191	Pte. F. Birch
9825	Pte. J. Jenning	4076	Pte. A. Harvey Pte. F. Shorter
1411	LCorpl. G. H. Johns	6250	Pte. F. Shorter
2726	Pte. C. Holmes	5400	Pte. T. Apps
435	Pte. F. Vass	775	LCorpl. P. McDonald
10570	Pte. A. Daniels	577	LCorpi. B. A. Heath
10664	Pte. F. Russell Pte. S. Eacott Pte. G. W. Argent	5117	Pte. W. Gram
6200	Pte. S. Eacott	786	Pte. J. Berestord
9660	Pte. G. W. Argent	7198	I Count & Super
71	Pte. G. Coleman	63/19	Dto D Power
993	Sergt. F. G. Ellen	9777	Dto I Cill
861	Pte. J. Jehning LCorpl. G. H. Johns Pte. C. Holmes Pte. F. Vass Pte. A. Daniels Pte. F. Russell Pte. S. Eacott Pte. G. W. Argent Pte. G. Coleman Sergt. F. G. Ellen Pte. W. Jones Sergt. W. Moore Pte. W. Russell Pte. A. Hayler	5620	Pte M Mark
838	Sergt. W. Moore	6716	Pto F Ramsay
6547	Pte. W. Russell	0110	rec. r. Ramsey
2660	Pte. A. Hayler		

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9090	Pte. E. Bonner	57	Sergt, D. Saunders
367	Sergt. H. Carnell	813	Acting Cpl. H. Stubbings
6330	LCorpl. A. Coward	70	LCorpl. H. Thomas
4583	Pte. S. Evans	220	Pte. H. Ware
901/	LCorpl. F. Hendry	439	Pte. F. Wood
	Pte. F. Jones	10561	Pte. E. Woolley
	Pte. A. Lockyer	1255	Pte. H. Wright
	Pte. J. Murphy	289	Pte. F. Brown
	Pte. R. Ovenden	2	Pte. A. Conway
541	Pte. H. Rosser	469	Pte. J. Denner
	Pte. G. Whitehead	239	Pte. T. Goodchild
	Pte. F. Colley		Pte. T. Izzard
	Pte. J. Hinton		LCorpl. A. Leonard
	Pte. J. Mullins	774	
	Pte. H. Wheeler	379	Pte. A. Oakes
	Pte. B. Baker	144	
972	LCorpl. F. Bunnett		Pte. E. Scott
810	Pte. J. Carter	61.89	
10881	LCorpl. R. Delaney	5165	
1297	Pte. H. Derry	21.12	
	Pte. F. Egan	534	Pte. W. Tyson
9260	Pte. E. Freed	8601	
8220	Pte. R. Harrison	862	Pte. H. Bone
476	LCorpl. E. James	31	
9064	Pte. W. Lightfoot	6107	
5957	Pte. J. Martin	8730	Pte. J. Day
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1112	Pte. R. Hunt	. 126	1 Pte. W	. Harwood
823	Corpl. H. Mancy	851	7 Pte. A.	Dent Dent
218 484	Pte. M. Reilly Sergt. A. Starkey	121	4 Corpl. 4 Pte. W	W. Hogg . Izard
6472	Pte. W. Thacker	116	9 LCorp	l. L. H. Tyler Brooker
491	Pte. A. Wiffin	410	3 Pte. E	Latter
5769	Pte. W. Wray	54	O Pte. V.	Venner
10760	Pte. W. Ralph Pte. E. Rawlings	1015	J Pte. W J Pte. J.	Brockwell
72 950	LSergt. E. Brett Pte. P. Cronin	503 902	7 Sergt. 4 Pte. J.	H. Smith Haves
6725	LCorpl. G. Dodson	609	9 LCorp	l. T. Atkins Booker
305	Pte. G. Hopkins	Seminf share 17	9 Pte. A.	Keen
531	Pte. E. Jeffley Pte. F. Leftley	ar anol of 685	7 Pte. J.	J. Brand
7398 4589	Acting Corpl. J. Lu Pte. A. Montgomery	sted 578	Pte. A. B Pte. M	Carlier Chorley
4924	LCorpl. C. Norris	320 1033	4 Pte. G 0 Pte. A	. Cook . Emery
7760	Sergt. A. Stewart	M CMA 8 91	7 Pte. A.	S. Goldsmith
108	Pte. D. G. Jarrett	POA MI 497	9 Pte. W	. C. Latter
4874 4957	Pte. J. Gearing Pte. R. Andrews	820	9 Pte. G.	North North
990 981	Pte. F. Dibble Pte. C. Fletcher	569	4 Pte. J. 4 LCorp	Rumbles l. W. C. Sellwood
5824	Pte. G. Harris	4079 808	9 Pte. G. 2 LCorr	R. Booth
4605	Pte. W. Longhurst	850	7 Pte. L	. Gilliard
156	LSergt. G. Pace	1021	Pte. W.	Crafter
4092	Pte. F. Phyall Pte. J. Sleed	, 5310	LCorp	l. E. Hoyle
6102	Pte. A. Thomas	2663	Gorpl. Sergt.	G. Mann G. Young
6597	Pte. G. Wheatley	4959	Pte. A.	Holliday
9293	Pte. R. Woodman	6958	Pte. T.	Thompsett
3978	Pte. S. Garrett	696	Pte. C.	Baker
4239 629	Pte. C. Rowles Pte. W. Coomber	683	Pte. J. Pte. G.	Forton
4953	Pte. S. Cronin	8805 4634	Pte. J.	Little Poole
957	Pte. J. Glen	4011 8994	Pte. W	. Fleming Kent
8111	Pte. W. Jeffrey	5329	Pte. H.	Payne
5888 8105	Pte. W. Legge Sergt. A. Mitchell	483	Pte. W	. Copping
4149 720	Pte. E. Moor Pte. A. Rice	1146	6 Pte. G.	Williams
10421	Pte. F. Stacey	1228	B Pte. C. 5 Pte. R.	Baldock Carman
4004	Pte. W. Blundell	3999 5258	9 Pte. G.	Chatfield
5002	Sergt. C. Murphy Pte. F. Sutton	260	LCorp	l. G. Fox
6476 5483	Pte. A. Butler Pte. H. Everson	3200	6 Pte. B.	Nunn
406	Pte. E. Green	1067	Pte. F.	. Waters
434	Sergt. W. Knight	10730	6 Pte. E. 9 Pte. L.	Clifford Flight
26	Pte. D. Murphy	5939 5606	Pte. H.	Mercer Huggett
5709	Sergt. J. Pennell LCorpl. J. Silcock	2920	Pte. H	. Mills
4991	Pte. H. Smith Pte. R. Titchener	9122	Pte. C.	Light
10484	Pte. G. Watson	6852	Pte. W	. Clark
4594	Pte. T. Wilson	7625 4855	Acting Pte. J.	Corpl. G. Hall Mercer
10639	Pte. G. Fewins	4230 10180	LCorp	l. A. Worsley Clear
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6555 Pte. R. Banks

MISSING.

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CORRECTION.

299 Acting Corporal G. Millington, reported Died of Wounds, should read: 298 Acting Corporal F. W. Millington.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Nineteenth List of Donations received up to April 30th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

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ERRATUM.—April, "Q. O. Gazette," Mrs. E. J. Robinson (2nd donation) £5 0s. 0d., should have been Mrs. P. M. Robinson.

A cheque for Rs. 180 has been received from the Officers 1/5th Batt., but being drawn on an Indian Bank it cannot at present be eashed, and therefore is not shown in the account.

GIFTS IN KIND.

Mrs. A. Stewart Buckle.

Mrs. S. Sharp. Mrs. E. J. Elgood.

Maidstone and District Central Fund.

Sevenoaks War Hospital Supply Depot, per Mrs. Barrow.

Miss Talbot Crosbie.

Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Elfick.

Mrs. James Barnett.

Mrs. H. Stonham.

Mrs. Cozens

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West Malling & District Working Society (per Mrs. Wingfield-Stratford).

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Chart Sutton Working Parties (per Mrs. Neve).

Mrs. Nunn.

Mrs. Waring.

Miss Agnes Thompson.

Miss Mann.

Mrs. and Miss Johnston and Friend.

The Roan School for Girls (per Miss M. S. Walker),

Lady Hawley.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions as specified, viz. :-

1st BATTALION.

Mar. 24th-4 gross safety matches .

27th-15,000 cigarettes (acknowledged)

31st-2 cases candles

April 1st-1 case note paper and envelopes (acknowledged)

6th—1 case curry powder, I case safety matches (acknowledged) 8th—200 badges, 100 button sticks and brushes, 50 clothes brushes,

72 tins shine and button paste (acknowledged)

10th-1 case soap (acknowledged)

12th-15,000 cigarettes (acknowledged)

19th-2 cases candles

25th-1 case safety matches, 2 cases 15,000 cigarettes

6th BATTALION.

Mar. 24th-1 case safety matches

31st-2 cases candles, 1 case curry powder.

April 1st—1 case note paper and envelopes 6th—1 case safety matches

19th-2 cases candles

20th-1 case safety matches

25th-2 cases 100 button sticks and brushes, 50 clothes brushes and 100 tins polish.

7th BATTALION.

Mar. 24th—1 case safety matches 31st—2 cases candles and 1 case curry powder

April 1st-1 case note paper and envelopes

6th-1 case safety matches 10th-1 case soap

19th-2 cases candles

20th-1 case safety matches

8th BATTALION.

Mar. 24th-1 case safety matches

31st-2 cases candles, 1 case curry powder

April 1st-2 cases note paper and envelopes

6th-1 case safety matches

10th-1 case soap

19th-2 cases candles

20th-1 case safety matches

25th-2 bales containing 40 parcels from the Roan School for Girls, Greenwich

·SALONIKA DETACHMENT.

Mar. 27th-1 box 10lbs. of tobacco

31st-1 case candles

April 3rd-1 case 5,000 cigarettes, 1 box 20lbs. tobacco

8th-1 case safety matches

19th-1 case candles, 1 case 5,000 cigarettes and 20lbs, tobacco Lieut.-Colonel Woulfe Flanagan wishes to express the thanks of all ranks of the 2nd Battalion to those who have so kindly sent gifts or contributed to the Fund; cases which were despatched some months ago are now being received.

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of the following officer to be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

Lieutenant (temp. Captain) W. R. A. Dawson, 1st Battalion. attached 6th Battalion, "For conspicuous gallantry. Though severely wounded, Captain Dawson rejoined his Company as soon as his wounds had been dressed, remained at his post until an attack had been repulsed, and was again wounded later. His example of courage, endurance, and devotion to duty, was one of a very high order."

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

243 Sergeant C. Murphy, 6th Battalion, attached 37th Brigade, M.G.Co., "For gallantry and devotion to duty. Having been wounded in the head, and hurled with his gun to the bottom of a crater, he nevertheless again got his gun into action under heavy fire. Later he refused to leave his position till he had dug out his gun, which had been buried."

226 Corporal J. Everist, 6th Battalion, "For conspicuous gallantry in creeping forward under heavy fire, ascertaining the direction of the enemy attack, and so directing the fire of our bombers.

8746 Private W. E. Herbert, 2nd Battalion, "For conspicuous gallantry in frequently carrying messages under heavy fire. On one occasion he carried a wounded man into safety, and returned at once to his duty,"

8898 Private G. Vickers, 2nd Battalion, "For conspicuous gallantry in assisting two wounded comrades into safety under heavy fire. He then at once returned to the firing line."

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned Honours and Rewards for Distinguished Service in the Field, with effect from January 1, 1916:-

To be C.B.-Colonel S. H. Pedley, Commanding and Battalion.

To be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel - Major C. E. Kitson, 2nd

Battalion. To be D.S.O .- Major J. W. Nelson, 2nd Battalion, and Captain O. Y. Hibbert, 2nd Battalion.

Military Cross.-Lieutenant A. G. Balbernie, 2nd Battalion, and Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy, 2nd Battalion.

The following note has been sent to us by the Battalion concerned: owing to the new regulations as to casualties, it

is not permitted to mention the Battalion.

We all much regret the death of Captain Gross, Lieutenant Dobie, and C.-S.-M. Crossley; the first two had been serving with the Battalion a long time, and Sergeant-Major Crossley, of course, had seen a lot of the worst of the fighting, and had won the D.C.M. It happened very early one misty morning. They were all out superintending some wire being put up. Suddenly the enemy opened fire, and Lieutenant Dobie and a man were killed. Captain Gross was left out wounded. Sergeant-Major Crossley, Sergeant Hammond and Lance-Corporal Liddamore crawled out to get him back. Sergeant-Major Crossley was killed, and Lance-Corporal Liddamore received a bullet through his coat in carrying out this gallant act. We are all very pleased that the D.C.M. has been awarded to Sergeant Hammond and Lance-Corporal Liddamore for this. The ribbon of the medal is to be presented to them by the Divisional Commander on a Battalion parade tomorrow.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editor will be grateful if all officers of the Regiment who are not serving with Battalions will notify him how they are employed. He is constantly asked for information on this point. This applies to all officers, Regular, Territorial, Service or Reserve, and also to retired officers who are re-employed.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut,-Colonel E. B. Willis, Commanding 2/5th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel A. Wood Martyn, Commanding 10th Battalion.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. C. STYLE.

It is with regret that we learn that Brigadier-General R. C. Style, who has been laid up with influenza and bronchitis for six weeks, has failed to pass the necessary medical test for active service. It is expected that he will obtain command of a reserve brigade.

COLONEL A. T. F. SIMPSON, V.D.

We learn, with much regret, that Colonel Simpson, owing to his age, has been compelled to relinquish the command of the 2/4th Battalion. It will be remembered that he was wounded when in command of the battalion in the Dardanelles, and was mentioned in despatches by the Commander-in-Chief, M.E.F.

COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY, C.B.

The London Gazette of April 11th contains the following announcement:—

Colonel S. H. Pedley is retained on the active list under

Article 120 Royal Warrant, dated March 14th.

The Regiment will have rejoiced to see that Colonel Pedley has received the order of Companion of the Bath, as a recognition of his services when in command of the 2nd Battalion. It is also a tribute to the fine work accomplished by the Battalion. Our readers will be pleased to hear that Colonel Pedley has now recovered from his wound, and hopes shortly to resume active work, but it is not expected that he will return to the Battalion.

FALL OF KUT.

The announcement that General Townshend has been compelled to surrender will have been received with the deepest sorrow throughout the Empire. To us it is a special source of grief, as two companies of our 2nd Battalion are included in his force. The names of the officers with this half battalion were given in our April issue.

PROMOTIONS TO COMMAND.

Major S. J. Woulfe Flanagan has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel to command the 2nd Battalion, dated March 14th, 1916.

Major and Brevet Lieut-Colonel (temp. Brig.-General) P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel to command the 1st Battalion, dated March 21st, 1916.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. Hart, Friezeland, Upper Halling, Kent, will be very grateful to receive information concerning her son, Henry Ebenezer Hart, who died of wounds received in action while serving; with the Royal West Kent Regiment.

OUR RUSSIAN ALLIES.

In March the War Office wrote to the Officer Commanding the Depot suggesting that "in order to foster comradeship and mutual good feeling between Russian and British infantry regiments, each regiment in our army should send to its corresponding regiment in the Russian army an Easter greeting," Easter being observed in Russia as Christmas is with us.

In accordance with this suggestion, cards have been sent, size 6in. by 4½in., to the 50th and 97th Regiments of the Russian Army, those sent to the former having our 50th on them, and those sent to the latter having our 97th.

The front page of the cover bears our Regimental crest in blue and gold, and the back page a drawing in colours of an officer, a company sergeant-major, and a private in full dress, and two privates in service dress. Inside is the following greeting:—

From
The Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men
of the
50th (or 97th) "The Queen's Own"
Royal West Kent Regiment,
to their comrades,
The Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men
of
His Imperial Majesty
The Czar of Russia's
50th (or 97th) Regiment of Infantry
of the Line.

At this Easter season, after we have been fighting together in the same cause for the past 20 months, as your sister regiment in the British Army, we write to greet you, and to say how proud we are of all the magnificent deeds which you, and the brave Russian armies, have accomplished; and it is our earnest hope that before another Easter comes round the two regiments may be united in a great and glorious victory over our common enemy.

OUR DETACHMENT WITH THE ESSEX GARRISON BATTALION.

The following letter has been received from Major A. J. Bonsor:-

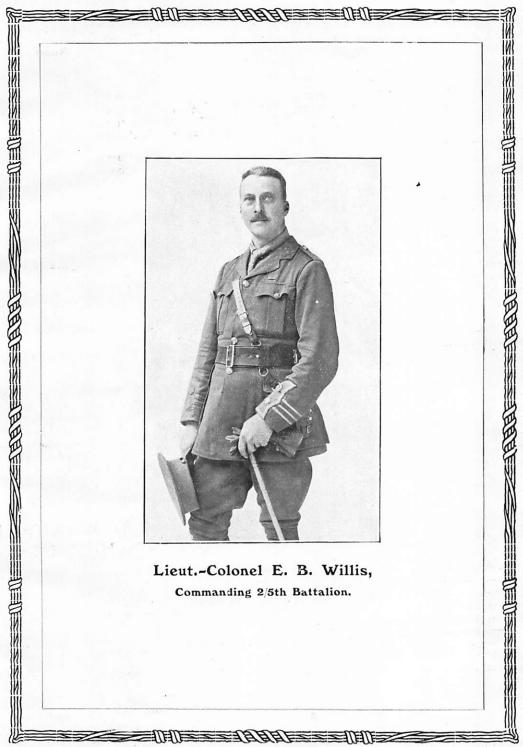
Once again I have to write and to thank you on behalf of the Royal West Kent men, for the three bales of clothing, which have just arrived, rather belated but very welcome.

I should like to say also that the West Kent Detachment are the ones that are envied in this Garrison Regiment, as we certainly have been well looked after, and supplied with more goods than any other detachment with this Regiment. The men wish me to convey their heartfelt thanks to their kind friends, who don't forget the men of the old regiment, who are scattered in small detachments over different parts of the globe.

The two footballs give much pleasure to the men.

I think it will interest you to know that one of the West Kent men did a very brave deed while on his way back to Lemnos. After doing trench duty up on the Pen'nsula one of his comrades fell overboard in the darkness when disembarking, and Private Spenceley immediately jumped overboard to try and save him. He got hold of him and kept him up for several minutes, but before help could reach him he was forced to leave go his hold, and was only saved himself in a very exhausted condition. The officers presented him with an engraved silver watch, and I am glad to say he also has been awarded the Humane Society's Medal.

A notice of this gallant act appeared in our March issue. -Ed. Q.O.G.



MY EXPERIENCE IN THE CRATERS.

(BY AN OFFICER OF 9th DUBLINS, ATTACHED TO 6th ROYAL

WEST KENTS).

"The Adjutant wants to see you, sir," and off I went to the Orderly Room. "You are attached to 6th Royal West Kents (better known as The Queen's Own) for one month."

Having packed up I went forth, and evening found me with Royal West Kent's Transport, where I was made quite at home by the Quarter-master. "Just in time, my boy. We're in the craters, and they're always lively up there," Very touching, I thought, for a raw 'un. An hour's walk up a communication trench, and "some" trench at that brought me to Battalion Headquarters, and I reported for duty. "You will be attached to B' Company, and so to Crater A." smile? I know now, I think. Why did they all

A runner took me at a trot, indeed, through one crater into another. God be thanked that I didn't fall to the bottom of that Hooge, huge I mean, crater.

"Now," says I to myself, "where is the Boche?" It was the first crater I had seen, and I had scarcely been introduced to my new Company Commander than "Bang, bang, bang," came three bombs right into the crater. I prayed immediately and felt miserable for the next two hours or so. During the fight I could hear the strains of "We are the West Kent bhoys," and it bucked me up I tell you.

At last it died down, and peace and quiet reigned.

Despite the fact that trench mortars of a most unusual kind fell in The men chaffed and joked just as if there never was a war on. I can tell you those chaps surprised me after their hard night's fighting. I think that after that baptism I could stick anything in the "hate" line.

An Escaped Prisoner.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following :-

Following the escape from internment of Private Napier, of the Coldstream Guards, who was recently received and congratulated by the King, comes the news of the escape also, from the same neighbourhood, of 7992, Private A. Woodcock, of the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, whose home is at 56, Colehill Lane, Fulham. Private Woodcock was in the engagements from the Marne to Neuve Chapelle, where he was taken on October 31st, 1914, after having gone back to assist a wounded man. He was sent to Fredrieschfeld, Weisel, North Germany, and placed in a large camp with other English, Russian, French, and Belgian prisoners of war. Here they had a rather uncomfortable time, being employed in tunneling and other hard labour, and subjected to rough treatment by the German officials set over them. After a month, however, Woodcock managed to escape. He made two attempts in seven days, the second one being successful. In the first place he gct away from Crefeld (where he had been in a working gang), with a party of eight Englishmen, but was stopped about two kilometres from the Dutch frontier by German patrols, and sent back to Weisel to await court martial. Before the court was formed, however, he got away again, this time accompanied by a Belgian. The ruse by which he eluded the vigilance of the Germans, was an exceedingly clever and daring one, and Woodcock is to be congratulated upon the way in which it succeeded. After walking and crawling about 30 miles, and hiding up at intervals, he and his companion managed to cross the frontier into Holland, where he was taken to the British Ambassador, and arrangements were made for his crossing to England. He arrived home on March 20th, and, after a short leave, has again reported himself to his depot. Details of his means of escape are purposely withheld, but it was full of that March 20th, and, after a short leave, has again reported himself to his depot. Details of his means of escape are purposely withheld, but it was full of that resourcefulness and daring which sometimes make truth seem stranger than feet in the contraction. than fiction.

The King's Questions to an Escaped Soldier.

Commanded to appear at Windsor on May 3rd, Private R. Woodcock, of the 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, was personally congratulated by the King on his daring escape from Germany.

Private Woodcock saw fighting at the battle of the Marne, the Aisne' Bethune, and La Bassée He was taken prisoner at Neuve Chapelle in October, 1914, when going back to bring in some wounded, and was a prisoner of war for seventeen months before he escaped last March.

Private Woodcock said the King shook hands with him and put him quite at his ease, asking him all about his experiences and his escape. "The King questimed me a lot about the treatment of our boys out there," he said. He showed the King a small compass which helped him to reach the frontier. Private Woodcock has rejoined his regiment and expects to see service again. His home is at Fulham.

WAR EUCLID.

The Lyonian, the paper of the Lower School at Harrow, has the following propositions in the current issue :-

A subaltern is one who has position but no magnitude.

A Turkish communique lies equally on any point.

A trench is that which has length, breadth, and stickiness.

Two officers in mufti from Brixton and Mayfair respectively cannot be in the same circle, and if they meet will cut one another,

A soldier equal to a Tommy is equal to anything,

An observer and a pilot who are in the same line meet in the same plane An "old dug-out" is often a plain figure with a Sam Browne belt round its circumference.

If things are double the price of the same thing obtainable elsewhere, it is a War Office contract.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding Depot acknowledges the receipt, with thanks, of the following Subscriptions and Donations:—

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Colonel C. E. C. B. Harrison	1	0	0	
LieutCol. T. T. Burt	1	0	0	
Major C. V. Molony	1		0	
Major C. D. Barrow	5	0	0	
Captain H. W. Snow	1	10.	.0	
Mr. C. Guess	1	0	0	
From Mr. Frank Hyde: -				
Per Mayor of Maidstone-Proceeds of Exhibition				
of his picture of 1st Battalion in action at Neuve				
Chapelle	28	6	0	
Officers 3rd Battalion, Fort Darland (collected at				
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3rd Battalion-per Adjutant	1	0	0	
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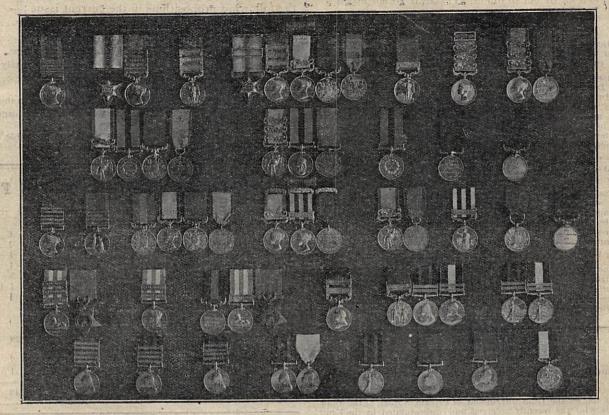
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Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6/- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few o these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 4/- a year. Will others do the same?

MEDALS. REGIMENTAL

At our request Captain G. E. de St. C. Stevenson has sent us a photograph of his collection of Regimental Medals, which we reproduce, together with a description of the same.



1st and 2nd rows, 50th Regiment. 3rd row, 97th Regiment. 4th and 5th rows, Royal West Kent Regiment.

1ST ROW.

1.- General Service Medal with clasps for Vimiera, Corunna, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nive and Toulouse.

2-3 Group.—Punniar Star and Moodkee Medal with clasps for Ferozeshuhur, Aliwal and Sobraon.

4.—A similar Moodkee Medal awarded to Colour-Sergeant John Cantwell, who was killed at Sobraon just as he had captured a Sikh colour

(v. Fyler's History, p. 235). 5-9 Group.—Punniar Star, Moodkee Medal, Crimea Medal with clasp for Sebastopol, Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, and Turkish Medal for Crimea.

10.-Aliwal Medal with clasp for Sobraon.

11.—Crimea Medal with clasps for Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, awarded to Lieut, R. M. Murchison (v. Fyler's History, pp. 260-261). 12-13.—A similar Crimea Medal and Turkish Medal for Crimea.

2ND ROW.

14-17 Group.—Crimea Medal with clasp for Sebastopol, New Zealand Medal (1863-66), Medal for L.S. and G.C. and Turkish Medal for Crimea.

18-20 Group.—Crimea with same three clasps, New Zealand Medal (undated) and Turkish Medal for Crimea.
21.—New Zealand Medal (1864-66).

22 and 23.- Two Medals for L.S. and G.C.

3RD ROW.

-General Service Medal with clasps for Egypt (1801), Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco and Albuhera. The clasp for Egypt was not granted till 1850 and only five men of the 97th survived to claim it. 25.-A similar medal with clasps for Vimiera, Talavera, Busaco and

Albuhera.

26-29 Group.—Distinguished Conduct Medal, Crimea Medal, Medal for L.S. and G.C., and Turkish Medal for Crimea awarded to John

Jennett.

30-32 Group.—Crimea Medal with clasp for Sebastopol, Mutiny Medal with clasp for Lucknow, and Turkish Medal for Crimea, awarded to Major C. R. Chichester. This officer received his Brevet Majority for services in the Crimea and was three times thanked in despatches during the Mutiny.

33-34 Group.-Crimea with clasp for Sebastopol and Turkish Medal for Crimea

35.—Mutiny Medal with clasp for Lucknow. 36 and 37.—Two Medals for L.S. and G.C.

38-39 Group.—Egyptian Medal with clasps for Abu Klea, The Nile, and Tel el Kebir, and Khedive's Bronze Star (1882).
40.—Egypt Medal with clasps for Abu Klea and The Nile awarded to a

man of the 2nd Battalion which furnished a mounted infantry contingent of 1 officer and 25 rank and file.

41-43 Group.—Distinguished Conduct Medal, Egypt Medal with clasp for the Nile, and Khedive's Bronze Star (1884-86) awarded to R. Harridine.

44.—Indian General Service Medal with clasps for Malakand and Punjab

45-47 Group.—Indian General Service Medal with clasp for Punjab Frontier, Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for Orange Free State and Cape Colony, and King's South Africa Medal with clasps for 1901 and 1902.

48-49 Group.—Queen's S.A. Medal with clasps for Wittebergen and Cape Colony, and King's S.A. Medal with clasps for 1901 and 1902.

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50.—Queen's S.A. Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, 1901 and 1902.

-A similar Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal and 1902.

52 .- A similar Medal with clasps for Cape Colony, Transvaal, Wittebergen and 1901.

53-54 Group.—Mediterranean Medal for embodied Militia Service in Malta during the South African War and Militia Medal for L.S. and G.C. 55.—Mediterranean Medal.

56.—Volunteer Medal for long service (3rd Vol. Batt.) (Queen Victoria), 57.—A similar Medal (2nd Vol. Batt. (King Edward).

58.-A Regimental Medal awarded to the best shots of each company of the 1st Battalion in 1897, and suspended from a ribbon of the regimental colours.

:: News from the Battalions. ::

1st BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. B. BUCHANAN DUNLOP, D.S.O. (Commanding).

The following letter has been received from Brigadier-General A. Martyn, who has recently relinquished command of the Battalion on completion of his period of command:—

"My term of command of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) ended on the 21st March, owing to circumstances I am unable to see you and bid you goodbye personally, but I cannot help writing to wish all ranks the best of good luck and a successful and glorious campaign. We have had very strenuous times together during the last four years, both in peace and war. The higher commanders of the British Army have placed on record the gallant conduct in action and good behaviour and discipline of the Battalion which leaves nothing for me to say. It has filled me with pride to command such a Battalion, and although your colours are emblazoned with battles in which your predecessors gained everlasting glory, at no period in its history has this Battalion of the Queen's Own gained more fame than it has in the great war which is now in progress. Although we have lost so many of our brave and beloved comrades who have died for their Regiment and Country in this campaign, I know that those who are now occupying their places will ever remember the magnificent traditions which they have to keep unsullied. I wish you every good luck and farewell.

"(Signed) A. MARTYN, Brigadier-General,
"late Commanding 1st Royal West Kent Regt.
"4th April, 1916."

The Battalion has greatly changed since the day in August, 1914, when Colonel Martyn left Dublin in command of it, but every officer, non-commissioned officer and man now serving with the Battalion wishes him all good luck and every success in the future.

The Officer Commanding replied to General Martyn

as follows:—
"I write on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion to thank you for your farewell words, and to offer you our congratulations on your promotion, and to wish you the best of luck, and further promotion in the future. Although there are not many left now who served under you, there are still a few, and I am sure the same spirit still remains in the Battalion which you did so much to instil."

April 17th was the anniversary of Hill 60. The Sergeants of the K.O.S.B. sent the following message to our Sergeants:—"On the anniversary of Hill 60, greetings." And our Sergeants replied "Thanks, greetings reciprocated. May the mutual understanding between us during war be continued in peace, and that the toast of Hill 60 and fallen comrades of the West Kent and K.O.S. Borderers be upheld after we have defeated the Huns." All good luck to the "Jocks," and may the two Battalions serve together till the end of the war. We know what they are like when there is something doing, and so, for the matter of that, does our friend over the way, Mr. Bosch!

Lieut.-Colonel Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O..has been away for a week at a Commanding Officers' Conference at the 3rd Army School. Captain Bennett and C.M.S. Stroud are attending a course at the 3rd Army School.

Major Brown is going for a time for duty to the Divisional School

We have been having a six-a-side football competition between platoons and, as they would be officially called, "similar formations." In the semifinal the Bombers (recently know as "Grenadiers," but the name was altered by an official edict) defeated the team drawn from the Qr.-Mr's staff and the stretcher bearers (known to their intimates as "the sock washers") and the transport beat No. 10 Platoon. The final struggle takes place to-morrow.

SOME REMARKS ON SHELLS.

Shells and bullets, like birds, have their own peculiar notes and noises. There is the spiteful crack of the bullet just over the head; there is the "get-out-of-the-way-I'm-in-the-devil-of-a-hurry" shriek of the whizbang (so very aptly named); and there is the heavy shell flopping through the sky, apparently turning from side to side as it looks for a good landing-place, and finally swooping down with a terrific explosion and a great cloud of black smoke. The old campaigner knows them all. He recognises the friendly voice of our "Archibald" at once. He sits quietly in the trench and, whether it is the whistle overhead or the noise of the explosion in the distance, he will tell you in a matter-of-fact way the genus or variety to which each one belongs. Just as the gamekeeper will tell you all the little peculiarities of the birds, so the old campaigner will talk, in an almost affectionate way, of the "Crump," "Jack Johnson," "Woolly Bear," "Whiz-bang," "Pip-squeak," or "Sausage."

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The newcomer is filled with envy and admiration at this superior knowledge, but, after all, the first thing for him to learn is to get out of the way if one of these "Hun-birds" should pay a sudden visit to his own particular locality. The trench-dweller goes about, if we may use the expression, "with his ears skinned." He knows well that the warning will be short and that action must be prompt. And so it is that he has a hatred for other noises that may be described as impostors. The cheery soul; who whistles as he goes about his daily task, and, worse still, the misguided humorist, who attempts to imitate a passing shell, are anathema to him. But there are other tricks of nature which may cause him almost equal consternation. When a shell does come his way, he knows that the best thing to do is to throw himself flat on the ground. An acquaintance of ours was strolling along a well-frequented road, thinking of anything and everything except the war, Suddenly there was a shrill whistle, apparently coming his way. In a flash he had flung himself into a ditch which, it so happened, was particularly muddy. It was not until he had peered cautiously out and saw the surprised looks on the faces of the passers-by that he realised that there was a humming telephone wire just over his head. An action like this requires a lot of explanation. A protestation of passionate interest in the local fauna and flora of the country side is not enough.

Perhaps our readers will not believe this story and, to be honest, we cannot vouch for it ourselves. We will now, however, relate one that has a very firm foundation on fact. The chief actor is very well known to many readers of this journal, but we would not mention his name for a pint of English beer or any other priceless jewel. We shall merely call him "Our friend," Well, our friend was walking with an orderly through the streets of a town some little distance behind the front line. Suddenly he heard a whistle overhead. "Bullet," said our friend. Then more whistles came. "Strange," said our friend, "so many bullets about here." A moment later there was a louder whistle. "Shell," our friend exclaimed. "Dud," echoed the orderly, but whether he referred to our friend or to the fact that the shell had not exploded we cannot say. The whistles continued, and our friend dived into a neighbouring doorway. As he did so a whistle came louder than any before. "Good heavens," cried our friend, "it's a twenty-one inch!" "Can't be," replied the orderly, "the Bosch hasn't got any in these parts." Our friend stopped in surprise and, looking up, saw a little bird sitting on a ruin across the way, whistlng for all it was worth and nearly bursting it's inside out in efforts to imitate shells that not even the genius of Krupp had thought of.

From ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

It seems ages since I pencilled a few lines for the "Buster," and even now that I have plucked up sufficient courage, I am at a loss what to write about

Since leaving our last position the Battalion has had a very acceptable rest, first, at a town some miles from the line, and then on once more still farther back, to a town which hardly seemed touched by war and its attendant sombreness.

At the latter place we (or some of "we") were given the opportunity of visiting "A," which is one of the largest towns in France, and here everything reminded us of that other small village across the way (whose name begins with "L"). Of course, everyone made for a bath, and some struck a place wherein only cold showers were obtainable, but, being unable to read French, were blissfully ignorant of this fact, until doffing garments, they stood under, and from the gasps and ejaculations which issued forth, one could easily hear that the surprise was not altogether a pleasurable one. (Middle of February).

Only having just seven hours at our disposal (three of which were already allotted to restaurant, bath and barber), we did not have much time to waste, but we did not regret giving half hour to the beautiful old Cathedral which the town boasts. The famous Crying Baby came in in for a great deal of attention, and some were obviously disappointed at not seeing the tears roll down the baby's cheeks.

After leaving X.Y.Z., where the Battalion had been billeted eleven days, we marched to N.G., stopping one night, starting off next day for A.B.C., and as this march was quite 17 miles and during a blinding snowsform, you can guess we enjoyed (?) it "some." On arriving at A.B.C., another large town, we were billeted very satisfactorily, and although we did everything but bless the weather marching here, it turned out a blessing in disguise (for us), for, owing to difficulties of transport, we were not able to move for three days, which period was much enjoyed by all, the people of A.B.C. being voted "top hole" by everyone. (We should like to go back there on our next "long vacation." G.H.Q. please note).

And now, Mr. Editor, we are back once more in the land of Starshells and Rats (the latter predominating), but as we have had some very decent weather, especially during our last rest, we are quite content.

A six-a-side tourney (football) was started, and the team from the Transport are looked upon as "it," although the Bombers (not Bummers) have great ideas of putting "paid" to the account of the "Pants and Spurs,"

HYRECLY

(Will our correspondent inform us why the Q.O.G. is called the Buster?—Ed.).

2nd BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. J. WOULFE-FLANAGAN (Commanding).

Since my last contribution we have done very little on the Euphrates line, and with the exception of a small punitive outing, which was not exciting, nothing serious has happened.

Our heartiest congratulations are offered to Lient.-Colonel R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan on his promotion, also to Captain A. E. Hardy on his having been awarded the Military Cross. This is the first honour in Mesopotamia conferred on one of our Officers, and we hope it will be the fore-runner of more. All who have seen the Adjutant in the field will appreciate the well-deserved distinction. I had hoped to be able to give some news of the Wing at Kut, but unfortunately am unable to do so; doubtless before this appears in print you will have heard much more of the situation than we.

The weather is beginning to warm up again, and we are looking forward to another delightful summer. A scheme has been prepared to erect matting huts for our accommodation in the hot weather, but we are not over-sanguine of living in them, as the same thing happened this time last year, and we lived through the hottest weather under canvas.

Reinforcements continue to arrive in this country, and Mesopotamia bids fair to become an important theatre of war. As soon as all are equipped with sun glasses and spine protectors we expect to receive respirators and chest protectors. What a fine time we shall have with all these on when the sun comes out to stay!

2nd BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

SERGEANTS' MESS CORRESPONDENCE.

The conditions under which we are at present existing do not, I am afraid, afford any great amount of scope for news, but, however, I will do my best to scribe at least all that I possibly can every month. In remarking upon the casualties sustained amongst members of the Mess since we landed in the country, I must first express on behalf of the Mess sincere sympathy with friends and relatives of those who have passed away. Company Sergt. Major Newbrook (Tubby), who was killed in action on 7th February last, was one of the first in the Battalion to win the D.C.M. His popularity amongst members of the Mess was a matter without any doubt whatever. Wounded at an early engagement on 24th July, 1915, he reluctantly returned to India for a rest, but "Tubby" knew where he was wanted, and returned to the Field after a lapse of only a little over three months. Strange to relate, it was three months exactly to the day he rejoined that he was killed in action. Members will ever remember his always jolly mood, his ever willingness to do all be could for our comfort, his splendid example as a soldier to do all he could for our comfort, his spiendid example as a source and a man, and if we ever required a spokesman, 1011 say no more, "Tubby" was "it." Company Quartermaster Morrish was killed in action at Nasiriyah on 24th July, 1915. In recalling "Tosh" one cannot but say he was a staunch member of the "keep smiling brigade." His death in the Field was indeed a fitting ending to his glorious past. I am sure that in the future history of not only the Mess, but of the Battalion, his fine example will be continually before everyone, and may I add that in his previous capacity as Signalling Sergeant his valued advice will be ever appreciated. I notice we still possess in the Mess some of his gramophone records, and a glance as these recall his ever pleasant manner. Sergeant "Bill" Stickings was also killed on the 24th July, 1915. Here we lost another jolly member of the Mess. Even if the surroundings and conditions at any time were of a nature to make everyone of a gloomy disposition, "Bill" was the right man to shake us up. We all sympathise with his wife and child in their loss. Sergeant Hoadley fell in the action at Nasiriyah also, and the news of his death was a shock to everyone. "Socks" would have undoubtedly finished his career in the Battalion with distinction had he lived through the campaign. His thoroughness, popularity, work and example demanded it. The value of his assistance in the Quartermatter's department, with-out any doubt, was thoroughly appreciated. At the time of the engagement he was acting Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, and although

he need not have taken any active part in the operation, he was determined to do his share. What further proof could anyone wish as to his thoroughness as a soldier. Sergeant "Vic" Burrows died of wounds received in the Nasiriyah engagement, and his wife, with whom we all sincerely sympathise, can but look back upon his death with feelings of comfort, insomuch that he passed away having done his duty as a soldier. Sergeant Colbrooke, another of our most esteemed members, fell at the post of duty on 24th July, 1915. "Posy," like Sergeant Hoadley, was engaged on duties which would have excused him from the fight, but his action was just what one would expect from such a splendid soldier. Sergeant "Micky" Free also met his death at Nasiriyah in July, and the Mess has lost one of the promising "youngsters," as one would term them, for "Micky" had a promising career before him had he survived the campaign. Sergeant Wannell not a single member of the Mess can ever forget. "Bill" was esteemed by everyone. Whenever his name is mentioned it recalls many a joke, many a yarn, and many a good-hearted action of the past. Whenever he was in the Mess the order was "smiles." Here we lost another of our D.C.M. recipients, and the fearless way in which he won his distinction will ever remain in the memory of all. As to his thoroughness as a soldier there can be no dispute, and as a sportsman he was one of the best. As far as can be gathered, he met his death as was expected. Even to the last he fought like a hero whilst leading a bombing party at Kut-el-Amara on 9th December last. May I add that in Sergeant Wannell we have lost one of the finest boxers the Battalion has ever produced. I can safely say that whilst the Battalion was in India he fought the majority of the best boxers in that country. There was one other member of the Mess, Sergeant Pryor, 2,6th Battalion Devonshires, who unfortunately died of wounds received in action at Kut-el-Amara on 22nd December, 1915. Although only attached to the Battalion, his death was deeply regretted, insomuch that we all realise he gave his life whilst serving with the Battalion, and undoubtedly for the sake of the Regiment.

"EUPHRATES CHAMPIONSHIP CUP."

As far as I can recollect, it is very seldom that cuos are "collared" on service, but I am proud to report that the Sergeants of this Battalion have the unique distinction of adding to their collection of plate one that has been won whilst serving with this Expedition. In December last the Sergeants successfully managed to establish themselves winners of the Euphrates Championship Cup for rowing. Congratulations are due to the crew, who, I am sure, will consider the Euphrates Cup a treasure in years to come. We all will, but the crew should recall the event with feelings of pride. I have no doubt they will, and may I add that there will be many "a long story" attached to the cup when hostilities cease. The crew were as follows:—Cox, Sergeant Stace; stroke, Sergeant Clear; 3. Pioneer Sergeant Kerridge; 2. Company Q.M.S. Godden; bow, Co. Sergeant-Major Newbrook (since deceased).

By the way, some of our members are "fishing for something." "sam" is a knut at the game; I think he is looking for something to add to his collection of curios. We have been lucky enough to get a tent for the Mess, and with the aid of the gramophone obtained from Nasirabad we mahage to pass our spare time away, and if we get any "hop" luck we also pass away some spare cash.

Well, I'm afraid my notes are exhausted, but I am sure a little news is better than none at all, and therefore "contented must be they that read my copy."

3rd BATTALION.

MAJOR C. D. BARROW (Commanding).

The news that the C.O. (Sir A. S. T. Griffith Boscawen) has temporarily relinquished the command of the 3rd Battalion will come as a surprise to many, but unfortunately it is by now an accomplished fact. He has accepted the command of a Garrison Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment, and is proceeding overseas very shortly. His loss is a most serious one to the 3rd Battalion. He worked tremendously hard in the training of the Battalion, and nothing was too much trouble to him that in any way conduced to the efficiency of the Battalion. One and all wish him every possible success in his new command and a speedy return to his old Battalion, where he was so deservedly popular with all ranks. Fortunately, we have Major Barrow with us, who now assumes temporary command.

On the 14th April the Warrant Officers and Sergeants gathered in the Sergeants' Mess to say farewell to Colonel Boscawen, and also to ask him, on behalf of the Mess, to present a gift to Sergeant-Major Grellier, who had recently left the 3rd Battalion to join the new Home Service Battalion of the West Kents.

No leave is still the hard and fast rule, and nobody was able to get

Regimental Sports were held on Easter Monday, and were a great success, and remarkably good performances were put up in several instances, notably by Drummer Quy, who took quite a number of prizes. The thanks of all are due to 2nd Lieut. Sargeant and Regimental

Sergeant-Major Kallend for the indefatigable way they worked in getting the course ready, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that they had never seen a course better prepared.

The Battalion was inspected on April 10th by the Inspector of Infantry, who expressed himself agreeably pleased at all he witnessed. The evolutions of the Machine Gun Section were most successful.

The following Officers have left the Battalion during the month:-Captain E. G. Russell, to Machine Gun Corps, Grantham; 2nd Lieuts. G. J. Joel and F. C. Hyde, to the Expeditionary Force.

The following Officers have joined during the same period :- 2nd Lieuts. A. J. Wilson, P. B. S. G. Moneypenny, and H. de S. Lewis-Barned, all from Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

1/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. N. WATNEY, T.D. (Commanding).

I alluded in my last letter to the many rumours that filled the air as to what was to happen to us in the near future. Once again, however, rumour has played tricks with us, for it is still a case of "as you were" with the 4th Battalion. The 5th, however, have, I believe, had a move, for immediately after their return to Jhansi they had orders to proceed, not to Rawal Pindi as they anticipated, but to Nowshera.

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Once again we are face to face with the summer, and are already beginning to talk of hot weather establishments, punkahs, etc. Even now we are getting temperatures of over 100 in the shade, and day by day this is steadily increasing. Two parties of our men have been dispatched to hill stations for the summer months. The first and strongest of these numbering about 100, left on the 19th inst. for Pachmarhi, which is comparatively close to us, and is situated in the range of hills within a few miles of the highest point in the Central Provinces. From Jubbulpore it is less than 200 miles, but the last 32 of these have to be covered by road, as there is no railway nearer than Piparia. At Pachmarhi in addition to the Sanatoria Depot occupied by troops during the summer months, is situated the famous Central School of Musketry. Consequently the station is not unknown to the Battalion for we have periodically sent batches of officers and N.C.O.'s there for courses of instruction, and have, as a matter of fact, five there at the present time. During the summer months it is the official residence of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, as well as our own detachment have been sent there, amongst them some of the artillery and married families from this station. from this station

In consequence of the removal of the hill detachment we have lost, temporarily at any rate, several of our officers, Major Cohen is acting as Commandant of the Sanatoria Depot, while Captain Cheale, our adjutant, Commandant of the Sanatoria Depot, while Captain Cheale, our adjutant, has been appointed Station Staff Officer at Pachmarhi, his duties with the Battalion being taken over by Lieutenant W. Nash. Other officers with the detachment are Lieutenants Roberts and Craig. Owing to the fact that the country at the foot of the hills is said to be badly infested with malaria, the country at the foot of the finis is said to be badly intested with mainta, the troops were not allowed to make a break in their journey, and beyond way-side halts, the whole 32 miles had to be done in one attempt. The greater part of this was accomplished by night so as to avoid the heat of the day, and as a consequence much of the magnificent mountain scenery that was

passed through was lost to view.

The second hill party which left a few days later, and only numbered about 25, have been dispatched to Mount Abu.

During the month a second Battalion has arrived in the station, and for the first time since we came here both infantry barracks are occupied. The new comers are the 2/7th Hants from Secunderabad.

The musketry course for 1916 is now nearing completion, and again shows an advance on the previous year's records. All four Companies have completed, and only casuals, specialists, and bandsmen, etc., have now to go through. Out of just over 100 men who have fired in C Company 35 are returned as marksmen.

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The garrison football and hockey football competitions which were postponed pending the arrival of the Hampshires are now being played off. The postponement, however, has had the effect of weakening many of our teams, as many of the best players have in the meantime been sent to the hills.

The sergeants gave another very successful dance in the Gymnasium on St. Patrick's Day. The garrison dances which are held in the Cantonment Gardens every Wednesday during the summer months have re-commenced, our band and that of the 7th Hants taking it in turns to provide the music.

On Wednesday last the arrival of the new Viceroy was celebrated by ceremonial paraded in practically all the garrisons of India. Here all troops in the station paraded on the Racecourse, the Proclamation was read and a salute of 31 guns, and a "feu de joie" were fired. In the absence of General Prendergast, Colonel Watney as senior officer present commanded the parade.

4/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT,-COLONEL C. D. DISNEY-ROEBUCK (Commanding).

Rumour belied her own character for once, and April 2nd (missed it by a day!) found us on the move for Crowborough Camp, to enjoy our first experience of hut life. Although many found the railway journey rather tedious, it is said some managed it very comfortably.

Our stay at Cambridge wound up with a "county" football match on Caius College Ground between the Kent and Surrey Battalions. Excellent football was played, and kent won after a keen fight by two goals to one. The 4/4th had the honour of scoring both goals.

Here, football grounds are conspicuously absent, and "the season" looks like fizzling out. The country side, however, provides plenty of stiff courses for our cross-country teams, and "Elliman's" is in great demand. The occasional loss of a hound through his getting "bogged" is a new experience not without its advantages to those who won't realise the danger of short cuts.

Hut life deserves an article to itself. Beyond suggesting "Healthful surroundings," "Pines and pining," "Distance lends enchantment to the

view," and "Mud and muddlers," as a few sub-headings, I prefer to leave its expansion to a more capable pen.

Two drafts for the 2/4th have said "Good-bye," with the usual accompaniments. Lieuts. C. E. Harvard and E. B. Woollett are returning with them, and so are Sergeants Lipscombe and Ellis. The suddenness of their departure prevented us from carrying out a "Musical Evening in the Sergeants' Mess in their honour, but we did have time to present them each with a handsome pipe and a small supply of tobacco.

A large draft of recruits is also under orders for the 1/4th.

An epidemic of promotions, aggravated by our expansion and marked by an unusual interest in Orders, is now on the decline and may shortly die out. Congratulations to all.

1/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL F. A. FRASER (Commanding).

Nowshera, 31st March, 1916

I am sorry if I have been neglecting my duty lately, but the pressure of work connected with moving about to manœuvre areas, etc., has rendered the matter of extra correspondence being reduced to a minimum.

We shifted as a Battalion to Jubbulpore on February 13th to take part in advanced Brigade training, one of the other Battalions being our old friends the 1/4th Battalion, and I think the re-union did some of us good.

We left again on Wednesday, 1st March, after some excellent training over ground which could hardy be compared with a billiard table.

It was at this period that we received news of a prospective shift to another station which materialised eventually by us being landed in a

The original rumour was that we were for Rawalpindi, but plans were apparently altered, and it is now fairly certain that we are to be stationed at Barian, seven miles from Murree, arriving there about April

We arrived at Nowshera on the 11th March, and since our arrival we have been engaged in a fresh system of training, that of hill warfare, and those of our readers who know this district, are fully aware that there are some considerable "bumps" to work over.

We are Brigaded here with three other Territorial Battalions, viz.: 1/6th East Surreys, 1/9th Middlesex, and 1/4th Queen's. Other troops that are stationed here and in the vicinity are the following:—Regulars: 16th Brigade R.F.A., 21st Lancers, "M" Battery R.H.A., Half Battalion Durham Light Infantry, Mechanical Transport Depot, Native Cavalry and Infantry, and an Aviation School.

The total troops in the Garrison number roughly 20,000.

To-morrow, April 1st, the whole of the troops will be out taking part in a big Ceremonial Parade, at which there is to be a presentation of coveled distinctions gained during the recent operations in the vicinity of Chakdara and Pubbi, i.e., a V.C. to Trooper Hulls, 21st Lancers, and four D.C.M.'s to others.

The following Officers have left us for temporary staff duties:-Major A. E. Hills for Rawalpindi, as an understudy to the D.A.Q.M.G. (Rawalpindi Division).

Captain J. G. Lepper to Sialkot, as understudy to Brigade Major, Sialkot Brigade.

Captain R. E. Satterthwaite to Jhansi, understudy to Brigade Major, Jhansi Brigade.

Captain Brewis, to Station Staff Officer, Jhansi Brigade.

2nd Lieut. T. A. Stokes, Corporal Attryde, "D" Company, and Lance-Corporal Waters, "A" Company, have proceeded to Poona, to undergo a Course of Instruction in Physical Training.

Captain R. Keyes and Sergt. R. G. Stamp have qualified at-a Course of Musketry held at Rawalpindi.

2/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. B. WILLIS (Commanding).

We are still in Winter Quarters at Tonbridge, and awaiting news of

camp, which up to the time of writing has not come to hand.

The Annual Musketry Course is in full swing, and from what I gather from Companies, they are getting good practise for gas attacks,

the range being on a sewage farm.

Hearty congratulations to the "B" Company Soccer Team on their litting the Brigade medals. They met "I" Company 2/4th Buffs on the 11th April in the final, and at the end of 90 minutes the score was one all. Extra time was played, and in the first ten minutes "B" Company scored through Corporal Penstone with very fine long shot, and won an excellent game by 2 to 1. This player, with Corporal Tarring and Lance-Corporal Crawley, played a sterling game for the winners. One of the most pleasing features of the game was the absence of fouls. It is a continuance of the fine feeling shown between this Battalion and our old friends, the 2/4th Buffs.

We said good-bye this month to our Second-in-Command, Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) A. Vaughan Cowell, who has left us to take command of the 2/4th Buffs. We shall miss him very much, especially in the Regimental Institutes, in organising which he put in a lot of hard work with excellent results. Also as correspondent to the "Q.O.G.," the popularity

in this Battalion of that little journal is greatly due to Colonel Cowell's efforts. We wish him every success with his command.

The Brigade Sports take place on the Tonbridge School Ground on the 25th April. Our runners are busy getting into form, I hope to chronicle many wins in next month's issue.

6th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. S. OWEN, D.S.O. (Commanding).

We've had bad weather for some time, and trench life under such circumstances, particularly when the old Boche opposite is of a peculiarly nasty disposition, is not productive either of that blessed chaim of manner and touch of kindliness towards man and beast, or of that literary effort demanded by the "Q.O.G.," but life is full of surprises; thus it is that during one of those ominous spells of quiet—probably the Boche is feeding or mining hard-one is able to squat in a miserable dugout and scribble away while the rain-drops make music on the flimsy corrugated iron roof.

The persistence of the rats and mice is as amazing as the particular bit of line it is our fortune or misfortune to hold. It's a mass of craters and saps, as wonderful as they are mystifying and confounding. But the rats!! and mice!!! There's one officer in the Battalion who, tired after his strenuous night's work, was foolish enough to lie down in his dugout without his shrapnel helmet on. He awoke to find that a good portion of his hair had been nibbled away!

They had eaten all the food, and as a last resort had taken to human hair—and such hair, too! The sufferer is wondering if the mice will get appendicitis, or, failing that, Bright's disease, as French brilliantine is not at all like castor oil.

Every sentry now has to receive written orders. The following have been standardised :-

"If the German gas you smell Bang upon the gong like hell; Don your helmet, grip your gun,
Prepare to meet the —— Hun."

Honours are coming to the Sixth; of course we knew we deserved them long ago. But really we're fighting a different sort of war here from what it was in the peaceful up-north area, and many of the real old Sixth are realising themselves and are coming into their own. We heartly congratulate Captain W. R. A. Dawson, D.S.O. We're all proud of him, and shall be glad to see him recovered and with us again. His appetite for craters and Boches is great. We hope he will soon be adding fresh laurels to the fast-growing regimental list.

The Battalion is happy in having three members of the Distinguished Service Order. Meyrick Carre M.C., is with us again. For information and guidance, the M.C. ribbon is the distinguishing mark between the

two brothers.

Sergeant Everist, D.C.M., is to be congratulated, as well as are those many, who received the thanks of the Divisional Commander a short while ago. Here's jolly good luck to those who show every promise of getting something or other in the future; for there are many who have acted on more than one occasion in the real "Queen's Own" style.

We should love to hear from those officers of the "Sixth," who from

some cause or other have left either for other spheres of work, or have been casualties and are now convalescent. They are constantly in our thoughts, for many there are away from us now who shared with us the

memorable days at Purfleet. Will they please write to us? Well, Mr. Editor, good-bye; the rain still falls and the war still is going on. HUSH!—one moment, please; the light has gone out! It's that beastly Minenwerfer (weighing 240lbs.) that the Boche has just chucked at us. He's a nasty sort of person and throws all sorts of toys over. Another of his toys is the fish-tailed bomb-a sort of aerial

torpedo, fired automatically. Hallo! are you there? Light is on again. It was only the concussion that put the lights out. Yes, this Minenwerfer is a nasty sort of thing, and that was not a dud, sir!

You can tell what sort of person the Boche is: he sends a thing like

that over at 8 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. Good night.

7th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COL. J. T. TWISTLETON-WYKEHAM-FIENNES (Commanding)

The 7th is doing its bit this trip, anyway, having been in the trenches continuously for-well, over a month, barring the "Gilded Popinjays," i.e. "D" Company, the so-called demonstration company, who are still living in ease, luxury and comfort in billets very nearly a thousand miles behind in ease, luxiny and comfort in billets very nearly a thousand miles behind the line. But we hope, at any rate, that with all this extra training they will, on their return, be almost up to the standard of the rest of the battalion! (Never mind, "D" Company, this is only our fun).

We are very pleased to announce that Captain T. T. Waddington has been awarded the Military Cross, and Sergt, Levy, Corpl. Hillyard and Pte. Moore the D.C.M. for gallantry all of "C" Company—good for "C."

We congratulate them all most heartily.

The Intelligence Officer is a deuce of a wag. One of his reports contained the following information:—"A pig was seen by the Red Indians in Txxxxxxd Pxxk. No attempt was made to capture it owing to its bulk and the noisy habits of these animals when being killed."

Pipe downStand down Show a leg (see "cheer up") AloftAbove

mortar battery.

Mr. Hxckxxt, who is convinced that the Boches hold the section opposite us with two machine guns, an old man with a wooden leg, and a small boy, states that the old man has been drowned. He himself saw the old man fall off a bridge into the river, with his wooden leg sticking up like a periscope.

8th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. PARKER (Commanding).

Any information regarding what happened during and after the advance at Loos on September 26th, 1915, to 2nd-Lieutenant R. F. T. Burrell, 8th Battalion, who was reported wounded and missing will be gratefully received by

Mrs. M. L. BURRELL Oak Holm, Wimbledon, Surrey.

9th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J. DANIELL (Commanding).

As we wrote last month the Brigade Football Competition has now run its course, but we are winding up the season with a few "friendlies." We have played the new Y.O.C. and scored a well deserved win of 3—1, and have also beaten our immediate neighbours the East Surreys by 2—1, but, as usual, with end of the season matches, the team has varied considerably with each game.

Our football matches now take place after duty, and this, coupled with the very windy-conditions which prevailed, rather spoiled the return match with the Y.O.C. which took place on 18th inst. Short time was played, and the circumstances prevented either team showing any decided combination, but our visitors, by scrambling home the solitary goal of the match, were able to reverse their previous defeat.

An enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of those interested in sport was presided over by Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell who was supported by Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt and others, a few days ago. 2nd-Lieutenant C. Adams gave a short resume of the work of the Football Team during the past Adams gave a short resume of the work of the Football Team during the past season, after which plans were discussed for the summer sports. Eventually, owing to the difficulties inseparable to camp life, it was decided to limit these, for the time being, to cricket, running, and swimming contests. The following officials were chosen:—Lieut.-Colonel 'I.T. Burt, president and treasurer; secretaries, 2nd-Lieutenant C. Adams, and Sergeant J. Ottewill; committee, Lieutenants Troughton and I'. C. Thompson, Sergeant-Major McVicar, and one representative from each company and the band.

The following officers have left us during the months of March and April:—2nd-Lieutenant C. Marsh, transferred to the Labour Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. To "overseas":—2nd-Lieutenants J. H. Fowler, E. R. Bowling, E. O. Goulden, W. L. Gascoyne, E. G. Fughes, A. K. Hall, R. Bartholomew, G. C. Allchin, H. Clarke, Lieutenant H. L. Lewis (wounded from 8th Battalion), and Lieutenant E. S. Kerr (wounded from 1st Battalion). To 11th Battalion:—2nd-Lieutenants G. Mansfield, M. H. Allan, H. R. Smith, R. G. Rogers, and C. E. Malpass. "transferred to General List, R. E. Burnett, attached to the R. E. Signal Service. C. E. Malpass. 'Ira R.E. Signal Service.

The short period of leave at Easter was very welcome to those who were able to get away at that time, as the daily training has been very stiff, and more especially of late since the Derby recruits and other parties have been joining the Battalion, and training in all the various branches keeps all of us very fully occupied.

A sad accident happened recently to No. 11479 Pte. Charles Cook, Company, 9th Battalion. On his attempting to leave a moving train at Ton-bridge, he got jammed between the train and the wall of the tunnel, and was so seriously injured that he was taken to the V.A.D. Hospital where he died on the 2 th March, a few days after the accident.

The funeral took place on the 29th March, at Yalding, and was attended by Major Walter, Company Sergeant-Major Dyer, and Sergeant Moir all of "C" Company, and also by two officers of the 9th Battalion attached to the 3/4th Battalion.

The O.C. 3/4th Battalion very kindly lent their band, and also supplied a firing party, and made all necessary arrangements. Wreaths were sent by Major Walter, commanding "c" company, 9th Battalion, and also by the N.C.O.'s and men of "c" Company.

A smoking concert, given a few evenings ago by our Sergeants at their Mess, kept up its well deserved reputation, and was in every way most successful.

The programme was as follows: Toast, "The King," Chairman; march, "Push and Go," Band (by A. W. D. Hunt, Bandmaster); selection, "Melody Land," Band; song, selected, Billy Travers; song, "If Only Your Heart Could Speak," Sergeant Moir; selections, by Ernest Lonsdale (of the Cinema Girl Company); dance, "In the Shadows," Band; song, "Goodbye," Sergeant Duncan; song, "They Built Piccadilly for Me," Sergeant Charles Bolter; song, "Come Into the Garden, Maud," Sergeant Hosmer; song, selected, Billy Travers; cornet solo, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," Musician McEwen; toast, "The Officers," Chairman; song, "My Old Kentucky Home," C.Q.M.S. Matthes; some more selections by Ernest Lonsdale; presponse, Lieut.-Colonel Daniel; song, "The Light of Day," Sergt. Moir; waltz, "Sumurum," Band; song, selected, Sergeant Duncan; song, "Father's Pants Will Soon Fit Willie," C.S.M. Rogers; song, "Gates of the West," 2nd Lieut. C. Adams; song, selected, Billy Travers; "God Saye the King."

Among the numerous excellent items specially deserving mention, pride of place must be allotted to Mr. Ernest Lonsdale for his excellent representations. All the old favourites, as well as visitors from the neighbouring lines, were in good form; and Lieut. Adams made a welcome first appearance. The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the Band, who, under the able directorship of Bandmaster A. W. D. Hunt, are rapidly making a name for themselves.

11th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. F. TOWNSHEND (Commanding).

The period of training of the Battalion is gradually drawing to a close, with a consequence of more serious and strenuous work being required from all ranks. Reveille has been at 3 a.m., 4 a m., 5 a m or 5 50 a.m., followed by a short sharp march, and then by other equally unusual exercises, carrying on till evening, and a rapid journey back to barracks (or varied by a more or less pleasant night out), and yet all have been able to "come up smiling" whenever required.

The musketry results have varied in the companies, as the conditions under which the firing took place have varied; yet the experience gained has been most valuable. Cæsar's Camp and Ash Ranges will not be forgotten by any one who had the pleasure of trying to pop off the "jumping frogs" in the midst of rain, sleet, snow, hail or wind. The "first class shots" are not really numerous, and so "on paper" we are not quite equal to our qualifications.

Scouts, bombers and first aid men have, of necessity, been very busy lately, and have had a very enjoyable time.

Captain Vigers (commanding B Co) had a nasty accident, and, to the great regret of officers and men, has been posted to the Reserve Battalion. All hope that he will very soon resume his old activities.

Digging parties have been very busy and have done first-rate work.

The beginning of April was occupied in "leave," and in delightful weather, all were able to enjoy a short time with friends and relatives. Of course all had a good time, and those who had visited Catford for the first time during the enjoy region of training wear glad to revisit the old haust-

time during the early period of training were glad to revisit the old haunts.

Field days, test marches, night "ops.," and other methods of preparation have taken a great deal of time. The delights of Piccadilly Avenue, Bond Avenue, Forresters' Avenue, and Regent street are such that nothing but, two nights in the vicinity can be taken as a test of endurance and good temper.

Practice for the Review has taken place and generally given satisfacon.

The changes in officers continue, and, so far, there are appointments to be made before the complement is complete. The same condition exists with regard to certain W.O.'s, but a complete list will be ready by the time this appears.

C.M.S. Bristow has been sent to the Inns of Court training course, and Staff-Sergt. Wells to the 4th Canadian Division, carrying with them the good wishes of their late pupils.

Each Sunday Mrs. Towsey and other ladies have attended in the Recreation Room to serve tea, coffee, cocoa. etc., to the female friends and relatives of the men, and hundreds of visitors have on each occasion taken advantage of this favour. The record day was Easter Sunday, when there was a continual "hustle" from noon till the evening.

THE FIRST SEVEN DIVISIONS.

The following is taken from a book with the above title by Lord Ernest Hamilton, late Captain 11th Hussars; the book gives a detailed account of the fighting from Mons to Ypres.

On the night of October 26th the position at Neuve Chapelle was a curious one. The enemy were in possession of all the trenches on the north-east side of the town, but on the south-east side the Wiltshires, the Royal West Kents, the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the East Surreys were still holding their ground, in advance of the town. The rest of the 3rd Division were thrown back behind the town.

(It should be noted that the Royal West Kents and the Yorkshire Light Infantry, which really belonged to the 13th Brigade in the 5th Division, were at this period attached to the 7th Brigade in the 3rd Division.—Ed. (0.0.G.).

About 11 a.m. on the 27th the usual morning attack was made on the Wiltshire Regiment, whose lost flank was now, of course, quite unprotected, and by noon they, too, had been forced to retire, the Germans in great numbers following closely on their heels. The position of the in great numbers following closely on their heels. The position of the Royal West Kents was now most precarious, as they had the enemy on three sides of them, and it seemed inevitable that they must follow the example of the several regiments on their left, who had been successively forced to give way. Such, however, was not their opinion, and undismayed by the apparent hopelessness of their position, they promptly set about preparing a defence which proved to be one of the most remarkable in the campaign. Major Buckle, who was in command (Colonel, Martyn was at that time commanding the 13th Brigade.—Ed. Q.O.G.), on seeing the Wiltshires forced back, at once made his way to the left of his Battalion in order to reorganise the formation so as to meet the altered conditions, but he was almost immediately killed. Captain Legard being killed at the same time, and Lieu's. Williams and Hollo-way wounded. All the Company officers on the left flank were now down, but the new movement was carried out under the direction of Co Sergeant-Major Penny and Co. Sergeant-Major Crossley, the reserve company wheeling to its left, while the left of the firing line threw back its flank, so as to present a convex face to the position now occupied by the enemy. All this was carried out under a murderous fire. In this formation the Battalion held on till the evening, when our troops in rear of the town counter attacked with momentary success. success was mainly brought about by the 47th Sikhs and the 9th Bhopal Regiment, who made a fine dash into the town from the direction of Croix Barbée, the first named regiment showing great courage, but they both suffered heavy losses from the ubiquitous German machine guns in the houses. At the same time three groups of the French Cyclist Corps made an attack from the Pout Logis side. The impetus of these combined attacks drove the Germans back for the time being, and indeed for the whole of that night, but their concealed machine guns continued to play havoc in the ranks of the assailants, and in the early morning of the 28th the attacking force had to fall back, the Germans once more re-occupying the town. The position of the Royal West Kents once more re-occupying the town. The position of the Royal west Rents was now as bad again as ever, and once more half the Battalion had to face about to its left flank and rear. The execution of this movement again took its toll of officers, Captain Battersby and Lieut. Gore being killed, and Lieut. Moulton-Barrett being wounded. The Battalion had now lost twelve out of the fourteen officers with which it had gone into these trenches, 2nd Lieut. White and 2nd Lieut. Russell alone being left, and on these two it now devolved to maintain the spirit of the corps. The remarkable position had by this time developed that practically the whole of Neuve Chapelle was in the hands of the enemy, with the exception of the little south-east corner by the La Bassee Road, which was still stubbornly defended by the undefeated Royal West Kents. On the other side of the La Bassee Road, and in the angle which that road makes with the Richebourg Road the Yorkshire Light Infantry were still standing firm, with the East Surreys beyond them, but these two regiments were not so hardly pressed, the main attack being always on the eastern side of the main La Bassee Road.

At 8 a.m. on the 28th, some two hours after the Indians and the French Cyclists had been forced to retire, proceedings were started with a general bombardment of the village. This was a matter of some little delicacy on account of the position still held by the Royal West Kents and the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the difficulty was not made lighter by the fog which lay thick on the plain in the early-hours of the morning. In the circumstances, the accuracy of the French artillery was remarkable. The north side of the village was given a great bombardment, and at 11 o'clock the sun came through, and the infantry attack began. . . and was gallantly pressed home, the 47th Sikhs and the 2nd Cavalry Brigade (on foot) fighting splendidly from street to street. In spite of all, however, the attack once more failed, and at 5 p.m. the Germans were still in possession of the village, always excepting the one small corner still held by the Royal West Kents and the Yorkshire Light Infantry.

The anti-climax of the whole thing, and a cause for reflection as to the objects for which modern armies fight one another, is furnished by the fact that in the evening the Germans quietly vacated the town, apparently realising - after the sacrifice of some 5,000 men - that the position was either untenable, or was not worth the cost of keeping. Our losses in the last day's fighting alone amounted to 65 officers and 1,466 men. The heroes of the three days' fighting were, of course, the Royal West Kents, who immortalized themselves by a performance which in many ways must be unique. The two surviving officers, 2nd Lieuts. White and Russell, were each awarded the D.S.O., and were, in addiwhite and Russell, were each awarded the D.S.O., and were, in addition, the subjects of some particularly flattering remarks on the part of Sir Horace. The two Sergeant-Majors above referred to were each given the D.C.M., as also were Sergeant Stroud and Private Allison. At 2 a.m. on the 29th the Battalion was finally relieved by the Seaforths, having lost over 300 men in the Neuve Chapelle trenches.

There were 14 officers present with the Battalion on the morning of the 26th, and only two were left on the night of the 28th. The casualties were :-

> KILLED. October 26th-Captain Keenlyside. Captain Beeman. ,, 2nd Lieut. Harding. October 27th—Major Buckle, D.S.O.
> Captain and Adjutant Legard.

October 28th—Captain Battersby. Lieut. Gore.

WOUNDED. October 26th-Captain Tulloch, D.S.O. October 27th—2nd Lieut. Williams.

2nd Lieut. Holloway.

October 28th-Lieut. Moulton Barrett. Lieut. Palmer. ,,

NOTES.

The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College have been granted commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Battalions of the Regiment:—A. J. Wilson, P. B. S. G. Monypenny, and De S. H. Lewis- Barned. * * * * *

Second Lieut. M. Carre, 6th Battalion, had the honour of being received by His Majesty on April 5th, when the King decorated him with the Military Cross.

Lieut, and Adjutant A. W. K. Brackett, 4/4th Battalion, has been promoted Temporary Captain, and 2nd Lieuts. T. E. G. Haywood, A. F. Tester and A. J. Mitchell, 4/4th Battalion, have been promoted Temporary

Major P. A. Wilson, R. of O., attached 1st Battalion, and Captain N. P. McCleland, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, are doing duty with the Headquarters of 13th Brigade.

Regimental Sergeant-Major J. Grellier has been transferred in the same rank to the 1st Home Service Garrison Battalion. Quartermaster-Sergeant Kallend is Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major in the 3rd Batt.

Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood, 3rd Batt., has been appointed Brigade Grenade Officer, with the temporary rank of Captain, but without pay or allowances of that rank.

Major H. C. W. Beeching, 6th Batt., has been transferred to the 9th Battalion.

Temporary Second Lieut. R. E. S. F. Burnett, 9th Battalion, is transferred to the General List.

E. H. Jarrett has been appointed Temporary Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant in the 12th Battalion.

Lieut. T. K. Wright, 3rd Battalion, is promoted to Temporary Captain without pay and allowances of that rank, whilst employed as a Brigade Signalling Officer.

Temporary 2nd Lieut. C. H. Marsh, 9th Battalion, has been transferred in the same rank to a Service Battaion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Private C. H. Balch, 7th Dragoon Guards, has been granted a commission as Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal West Kent (Regular * * * *

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been given commissions as Temporary 2nd Lieutenants in the Service Battalions of the Regiment—Sergeant H. K. Wright, from King Edward's Horse; Sergeant B. Vaughan, from R.A.M.C.

Lance-Corporal C. S. Dennett, from a Service Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, has been promoted to a commission as Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in a Service Battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Second Lieut. E. B. Woollett, 2/4th, has been promoted Temporary Lieutenant. * * * * * *

Captain G. H. Palmer, 2/5th Battalion, is seconded for Embarkation

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Temporary Captain A. J. Jimenez, 11th Battalion, has been appointed Adjutant, and Temporary Lieut. R. G. Solbe, 11th Battalion, has been promoted Temporary Captain.

Captain W. Newton, 1st Battalion, has been appointed Brigade Major, 125th Brigade. *

Temporary 2nd Lieut, W. Donnet, from the Royal Warwicks, has been transferred in the same rank to a Service Battalion Royal West Kents. * *

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) R. D. Watney, 1/4th Battalion, has been promoted Captain, and 2nd Lieut. (Temporary Captain) G. Dowling, 2/4th Battalion, has been promoted Lieutenant.

Lieut. A. Howe, 2nd Batt., has been appointed a Temporary Captain in a Service Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.

Mr. R. T. Parkin, the well-known hockey player, of Rugby School and Clare College, Cambridge, has enlisted into the Regiment.

Second Lieut. H. A. Taylor, 1st Battalion, is seconded for service as a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps.

Temporary Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant A. F. Pye, 10th Batt., and Temporary Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut. E. H. Jarrett, 12th Batt., change places. * * * * *

Lieut. (Temporary Captain) L. E. Wilson, 2/4th Battalion, is seconded as Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

Second Lieut. G. Hudson, 6th Battalion, is transferred to the Machine * *

Second Lieut. (Temporary Captain) A. E. Jones, 3/4th Battalion, vacates the appointment of Adjutant on promotion to Temporary Major.

2nd Lieut. H. R. Rainey has been appointed Adjutant of the 3/4th Battalion, vice 2nd Lieut. (Temporary Major) A. E. Jones.

Lieutenants R. C. M. Bolton and N. A. Charrington, 4/4th Battalion, have been promoted Temporary Captains, and 2nd Lieutenants J. H. Selfe and H. H. Wall have been promoted Temporary Lieutenants.

Temporary 2nd Lieut F. S. Clay, Royal Fusiliers, is transferred to a Service Battalion of the Royal West Kent.

Lieut.-Colonel J. T. W. Fiennes and Major P. A. Wilson are at present acting as Commandants of Divisional Schools.

Captain W. V. Palmer has been appointed an Officer Instructor to the 11th Cadet Battalion at the Staff College. * *

Supernumerary Major L. H. Hickson has been absorbed in the Estab-

Temp. Lieutenant C. S. Emden, 2nd Battalion, has been promoted Temp. Captain.

Lieutenant A. W. Puttick, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, has been appointed Temp. Lieutenant in a Service Battalion of the Regiment.

Private G. F. Dobie, from Honourable Artillery Company has been appointed Temp. Second Lieutenant in a Service Battalion of the Regiment. *

Temp. Lieutenant H. C. Harris, 6th Battalion, has been promoted Temp. Captain.

2nd-Lieutenant (Temp. Major) G. B. Pirie 2/5 Battalion is promoted to Lieutenant (Temp. Major), dated October 30th, 1914.

Lieutenant W. Brown, Depot Rifle Brigade has been promoted Captain. This officer will be better recognized by our readers as the valued and respected ex-Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion, and the father of the present Sergeant-Major of the 1st Battalion.

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of May :-

OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

Second-Lieutenant (Temp.-Captain) W. Wood).

WOUNDED.

Second-Lieutenant J. F. Henn, attached Connaught Rangers. Second-Lieutenant H. R. Pracy.

Second-Lieutenant (Temp. Captain) W. Wood, who was killed on May 31st, was gazetted to a commission on June 10th, 1915, from Co. Sergeant-Major. He served for 17 years in the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and for 17 months on the permanent staff as Sergeant-Major of the Malay State Volunteer Force. He met his death while engaged on special duty. He was a fine soldier, always cheerful and full of pluck, and he is a very serious loss to the Regiment. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his brother, who is the Quarter-master of the 8th Battalion.

The Officer Commanding his Battalion received the following letter from the Major-General Commanding the Division :-

"I wish to express my great sympathy with you and your Battalion at the loss of Captain Wood. He was a fine and gallant officer, and we can ill spare such as he was. Not only the Battalion but the Division will feel the loss.

I shall be grateful if you will convey to his relatives my appreciation of his excellent conduct whilst he lived, and my sympathy with them in their sorrow."

The following additional particulars concerning Second-Lieutenant C. C. Field, reported killed in our last issue, have been forwarded to us for publication :-

Second-Lieutenant C. C. Field (attached Suffolk Regiment) was killed on March 30th, aged 20 years, when in command of a machine gun section. He was the third son of the Rev. W. St. John and Mrs. Field, Fordcombe Vicarage, Tunbridge Wells, and was educated at the Abbey School, Beckenham, and King's School, Canterbury, and had matriculated at Keble College, Oxford. He enlisted in September, 1914, in the Public School Corps, and was given his Commission in January, 1915. He went out to the Front in October with the R. W. Kent Regiment. He was shot by a sniper at a range of about 50 yards. A Captain of the Battalion writing on behalf of the other officers, says he was to them "A cheery comrade and friend they can ill afford to lose;" whilst another says he was "A gallant young officer and most popular amongst us all;" another: "He was always cheery under the worst circumstances and always upheld the moral tone of any company he was in;" another refers to him as "A brave man, well liked by his brother officers and machine gunners."

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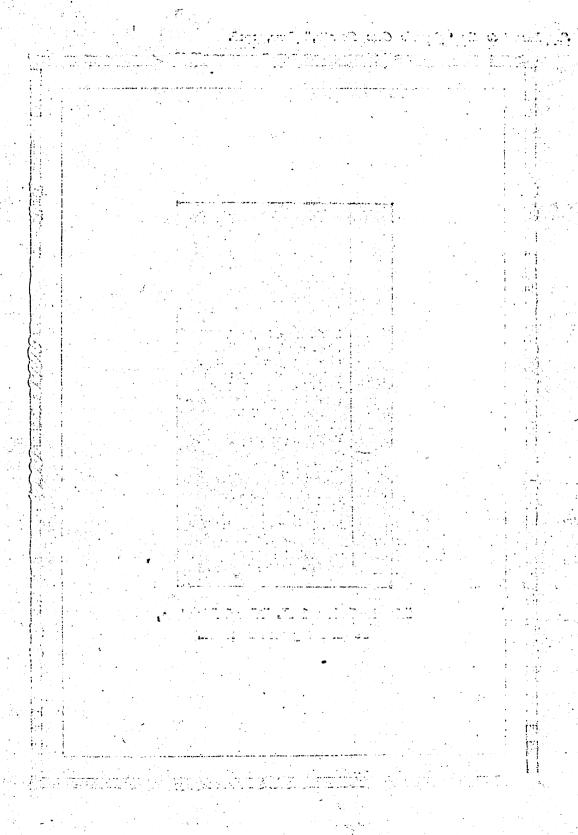
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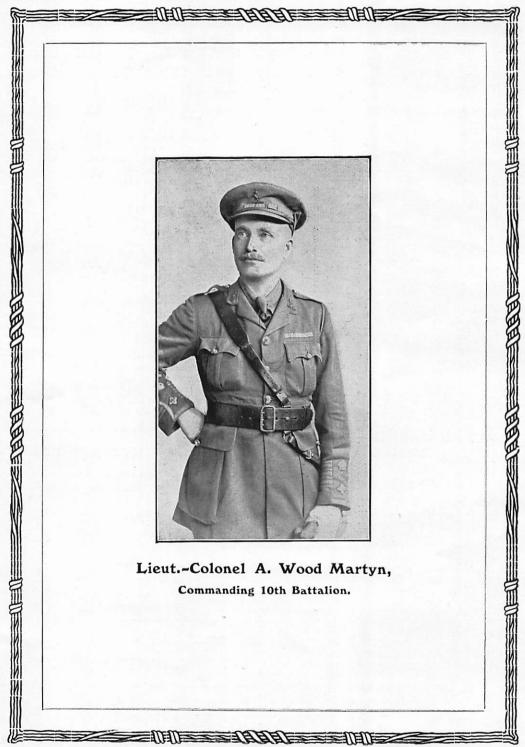
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editor will be grateful if all officers of the Regiment who are not serving with Battalions will notify him how they are employed. He is constantly asked for information on this point. This applies to all officers, Regular, Territorial Service or Reserve, and also to retired officers who are re-employed.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel A. Wood Martyn, commanding 10th Battalion. Next month we hope to give one of Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell, commanding 9th Battalion.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the terms of subscriptions to this paper, and especially to the last paragraph.

Orders have been issued that "no record containing information regarding the movements, actions and situations of Battalions that have occurred within six months of the date of publication is to be included in Regimental Journals and Magazines." Consequent on this, the Editor has been compelled to use the blue pencil very heavily on the correspondence of some of the Battalions, for which he tenders his apologies.

COLONEL E. VANSITTART.

Our readers will rejoice to hear that Colonel E. Vansittart, lately in command of the 8th Battalion, and who was wounded and taken prisoner in September, 1915, is now in Switzerland, under the care of the Swiss Government.

COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY, C.B.

Colonel Pedley had the honour of being received by the King on June 1st, when His Majesty invested him with the insignia of Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Military Division).

BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL H. ISACKE, C.M.G.

Lieut.-Colonel Isacke has been selected for the appointment of Director of Staff Duties and Military Training on the Head Quarters Staff of the Army in India. This appointment carries with it the temporary rank of Brigadier General.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The undermentioned Officer of the Regiment has been mentioned in despatches by General Cunliffe, for operations in the Northern Cameroon:—Captain G. Seccombe, (R. of O., 3rd Battalion) Nigeria Political Service.

IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to have to report the death of Major C. R. Smith on April 30th, aged 61 years. He served for many years in our 4th Battalion, and during the latter part of his service was in command of the Maidstone Companies. On giving up the command in 1907 the N.C.O.'s and men of the detachment presented him with a panel portrait of himself.

He was deservedly popular, not only with his own battalion, but also with the officers of the other battalions of the regiment who knew him. His loss will be greatly felt.

MR. HYDE'S PICTURE.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication by Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B.:—

27, Thurloe Square, S.W. April 28th, 1916.

My DEAR ROBINSON,

I am writing you a line to congratulate you most sincerely on your being gazetted to the command of the old Regiment.

Five former Commanding Officers of the 1st Battalion—Colonel T. H. Brock, Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Brigadier-General R. C. Style, Brigadier-General A. Martyn and myself—have purchased Mr. Hyde's picture of the 1st Battalion at Neuve Chapelle, on October 28th, 1914. This we wish to present to the Battalion, and hope it will be accepted. If so, will you let me know what you wish done with it?

Yours very sincerely,

EDMUND LEACH,

May 1st, 1916.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I thank you very much for your congratulations and for your kind remarks. I am sorry to say that I cannot identify myself with the 1st Battalion, as the letter I have received from the War Office notifying my promotion expressly states that the question of which battalion I am to be posted to will be notified in due course, and I gather that means at the end of the war. I am not, therefore, in a position to accept the kind and generous present which you, together with the other four past colonels of the 1st Battalion, have given.

As the Battalion, therefore, is without a permanent commander, may I suggest that the picture be sent to the Depot for safe custody, and that at the end of the war, when the Battalion has been re-constituted, the picture be formally presented. This will enable the officers who will then be serving with it to make a more fitting acknowledgment of your generous gift than is at present possible. Whether it becomes my good fortune to command, or whether some other officer does so instead of me, I am sure that this course is the most convenient that can be taken under present circumstances, and I hope the officers who are presenting the picture will think so too. In any case, I am sure that the fact of the presentation will be a matter of the greatest interest to the whole regiment; and I therefore suggest that, with your consent, this correspondence should be published in the "Q.O.G."

With kindest remembrances, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

P. M. ROBINSON.

This famous picture, now the property of the 1st Battalion, had a narrow escape of being destroyed by fire on June 2nd.

A fire broke out at eleven o'clock that morning at Messrs. Sanders' factory and stores, in Boxley Road, Maidstone. On the previous night the picture arrived from London, and was taken in a van to Messrs. Sanders' stores, previous to its delivery at the Barracks. Fortunately it arrived too late for it to be unpacked, and it was left in the van in the yard, and so escaped destruction. It was rescued by officers and men from the Depot, who wheeled out the van just in time, and a guard was mounted over it until it could be removed to the Barracks. Except for a slight damage to the frame, the picture sustained no injury.

THE ALEXANDRIA MEDAL.

By the courtesy of Messrs. Spink and Son, 17, Piccadilly, we are enabled to reproduce a photograph of the Regimental Medal of the 97th referred to on page 3.465 of the March number of the "Q.O.G."



The history of the medal is as follows:—During the battle of Alexandria on March 21st, 1801, between the British Expeditionary Force under Sir Ralph Abercrombie and the French Army of Occupation under General Menou, the 42nd Highlanders were attacked by a French regiment, but succeeded in driving it off and capturing its standard.

Major Stirling, of the 42nd, first obtained possession of it and gave it into the care of Sergt. Sinclair. Shortly afterwards, however, the 42nd were charged by the French cavalry, and in the melee Sinclair was wounded and the standard re-captured by the French.

The Regiment of Minorca, or Stuart, as the 97th was then called, advanced to help the 42nd and routed the enemy, while Private Anthony Lutz, steing the standard, advanced from the ranks and fired at the officer who was carrying it and who was some way behind his men,

The officer fell, and Lutz, seizing the standard, reloaded his musket. and was proceeding to re-join his regiment when two dragoons rode at him. He fired again and killed the horse of one, and then rushed upon the rider, whose foot was entangled in the stirrup, but the man, begging his life and surrendering his arms, Lutz granted him quarter, and carried the prisoner with the colours to his officer, Lieut. Markor, who sent him to headquarters, where he received the regulated award and the appended

On the standard were inscribed the following French victories in Italy:-

"Le Passage de la Serivia."

"Le Passage du Tagliamento."

"Le Passage de l'Isonzo."
"Le Prise de Graz."
"Le Pont de Lodi."

("History of the British Expedition to Egypt," by Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Wilson).

The medal is suspended from an orange-coloured watered silk ribbon, and on the obverse is shown the captured standard beneath the Union Jack. The actual medal here reproduced is one of a group of decorations awarded to Sir Thomas Lyon, K.C.B., K.C.H., etc., who commanded the regiment in Egypt and the Peninsula, and this group is now in the possession of Messrs. Spink and Son.

Copy of a certificate given by the Adjutant General's directions to Anthony Lutz; private soldier in the Regiment of Minorca or Stuart :

"I do hereby certify that Anthony Lutz, private soldier in the Regiment of Minorca, or Stuart, did (on the 21st of March, 1801, during the action between the English and French Armies, commanded by Sir Ralph Aber-crombie and the French General in Chief Menou, on the above day, within three miles of Alexandria) take from the enemy a standard, which bore several marks of honourable distinction, such as the Passage of the Piava and Tagliamento, when under Bonaparte in Italy, and in the centre of which is a bugle horn within a wreath of laurel. I do also certify that the said Anthony Lutz brought the standard to the headquarters of his Excellency, Sir Ralph Abercrombie, where he delivered it into my hands, when he, at the same time, received from me, by order, a gratuity of 20 dollars, for so signal an instance of good conduct. And I do further certify that I forwarded the standard, thus taken by the said Anthony Lutz, to Sir Ralph Abercrombie, then illed his reaching the said Anthony Lutz, to Sir Ralph Abercrombie, then ill of his wounds in his Majesty's ship Foudroyant, that his Excellency received it accordingly, and that it is now in our possession. Given undermy hand at the Adjutant General's quarters, in the camp before Alexandria, the 3rd day of April, 1801.'

(Signed) JNO. DONALD,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Copy of a Regimental Order, in the Regiment of Minorca, or Stuart: 4th April, 1801.

"Private Anthony Lutz, who took the standard from the enemy on the 21st last month, is directed to wear the representation of a standard (according to the model prescribed by the Brigadier-General) as a mark of his good behaviour on his *right arm; and the Brigadier-General notifies that, as soon as the regiment is in an established quarter, he will institute a valuable badge, in a certain proportion per company, to be worn by such men as shall have been proved, upon sufficient testimony, to have distinguished themselves, by acts of valour, or by personal instances of meritorious service; and officers are, on this account, to make note of the conduct of individuals.'

*The badge was, by a subsequent order, removed from the arm to the left breast.

Copy of proceedings of a Regimental Committee of inquiry held at Gosport on the 28th August, 1802, to examine into the circumstances which attended the capture of the colour, taken in the action between the English and French Armies, near Alexandria, on the 21st March, 1801.

Deposition of Corporal John Smith:-

Corporal John Smith declares that the regiment had already taken post in front of the enemy, and had suffered considerably from loss of numbers, when he found himself near Anthony Lutz, who, with Private Wolland, himself, and several other men, advanced still nearer the enemy, now greatly dispersed by the heavy fire from the redoubt; that Lutz, notwithstanding the danger of the enterprise, rushed forward, discharging his musket, and presently afterwards returned, bearing upon his shoulder an infantry standard. A body of cavalry appearing at this moment, Lutz, in order to secure his prize, threw himself into a hole (or rather hollow place), and lay upon it. Several imnutes elapsed before he saw Lutz again, when he found him still in possession of the colour, and also of a dismounted dragoon, whom he had made prisoner. He further says that the smoke and confusion of the moment were of the infantry or the cavalry; but he positively asserts that no other than Anthony Lutz captured the standard.

Deposition of Private Wolland .-

Private Wolland corrobrates in every point the deposition of Corporal Smith, and he further declares that he saw Anthony Lutz as he was retiring to the ranks of the regiment, closely pursued by two of the enemy's cavalry, one of whose horses he shot and made the rider prisoner; the other horseman

Separate examination of Corporal Smith: -

Question: Did you observe a serjeant or any other person of the 42nd Regiment lying wounded near the spot where the colour was taken?

Answer: None. I saw no red coat whatever (except Lutz, Wolland, myself, and a few others of our regiment) so far in front.

Question: Did you see the coloar in possession of the enemy?

Answer: Yes. I saw it, though indistinctly, through the smoke, wavering over their heads.

Question: What might have been the space of time from the moment when you saw the standard in the hands of the enemy, to that when it became the property of Lutz?

Answer: Some few minutes, probably seven; but I cannot now be orrect to a minute,

Question: What might have been the interim between the instant when Lut z pushed on forward from the place where you were, and that when you saw him with the colour?

Answer: About one or two minutes.

Question: What distance do you suppose you might have been from the colour?

Answer: About forty or fifty paces.

Question: Do you conceive that there was time sufficient, from the moment Lutz left you, to that when he again appeared, to admit of its being taken by any other person previous to the taking of it by Lutz?

Answer: No; it was too momentary.

The same questions being put to Private Wolland, he answered nearly to the same effect, except to the following point, where his testimony is rather more positive than that of Corporal Smith.

Question: Did you see the colour in possession of the enemy ?

Answer: Yes; very distinctly.

The reason for holding this Court of Inquiry was that, after the close of the campaign, there was a certain amount of discussion as to which regiment had actually captured the standard.

The London Highland Society struck a medal to commemorate the capture of this standard by the 42nd, but the medal was not issued, and, in a narrative published by authority, the 42nd admitted losing the standard after its first capture and acknowledged the support they received from the 97th.

AN ESCAPED PRISONER.

The following further account of Private Woodcock's adventures is taken from the "Sunday Pictorial":—

When I was called up as a reservist, at the beginning of the war, I never reckoned on spending seventeen months in a German prison. If I had, I shouldn't have gone out with such a light heart.

Neuve Chapelle was my Waterloo. I had gone back to fetch a fellow who was wounded when I found myself cut off by Germans. There was nothing for it but "hands up." My captors shoved me against a wall and cuffed me and searched me and shouted at me and made signs to me to dig my own grave. In another twinkling I'd have been in kingdom come if a German under-officer hadn't hurried up and saved my life,

It was at the beginning of November, 1914, that I found myself housed in the prison of Friedrichsfeld, Wesel, and there I stayed for seventeen interminable months.

It seemed almost hopeless to attempt escape. But where there's a will—you know the rest. Our beds were in tiers on top of each other, in a kind of brick erection, and next to the wall where the beds were there was an office. This wall, being an inner wall, was thinner than the others; and, as it was hidden by the beds, we decided to make a manhole.

Somebody managed to sneak some tools, and then we set to work. The worker had to chip away lying full length under the bottom bed, and every five minutes, when the sentry came in, he had to stop sharp as lightning, while the rest chatted as if nothing was going on. We hid the displaced bricks in our mattresses—and got less sleep than ever.

Have you ever slept on bricks? Well, don't try it.

Two weeks' hard work brought us to the night of nights. Roll-call was at 8.30, and we had the last brick out by 9.30. Then one of us wormed through—and the German sentry came in. When he went out another slipped through, and in came the sentry again. Every time the German went out one man went through the hole, till there were eight of us.

In the office I found a window that led into the works, and it wasn't long before I had forced it. Once outside we split up into two parties, one of three and the other of five, and away we sped. I was in the party of five.

The others, as I learned afterwards, made a short cut for the frontier and were captured a mile away. We took a roundabout route, and were more fortunate—for a time.

It was the middle of March, when that great blizzard was at its height. Nearly frozen to death, we crawled through barbed wire, dashed over private estates, lurched, fell and were off again—and all around us we could hear dogs—dogs, dogs, dogs, barking for their prey. We took refuge in a wood beyond a place called Kempen—and it was like fairy-

land, for the snow was inches deep on the ground. We were glad to wash down our bully beef and biscuits and milk tablets with that snow.

All day we lay hidden in that wood, shivering with ague. Next day we made for the frontier. It was twenty-five kilometers from Crefeld to the frontier, and the wood was about half-way. But we were dead beat. That blizzard gave us the fever, and we had to turn in to a barn and rest for twelve hours in the loft.

We didn't know that another two kilometers would have taken us over the Dutch frontier. If we only had!

At ten o'clock in the morning a little girl came in below, ran out again and fetched her brother. And her brother popped his head us, saw us and popped down again.

"Come on, boys!" I cried, "quick as you can!" There was a drop of sixteen feet to the road, and I went first.

But our luck had deserted us, I landed straight on to a German patrol of three men with rifles. The barn had belonged to the patrol, and we didn't know it. So we were all sent back to Wesel to be courtmartialled.

But I didn't mean to be court-martialled. Within seven days I had escaped again,

MY SECOND ATTEMPT.

A Belgian chap named Marcel escaped with me, and this is how it was worked. A party of prisoners was leaving the camp to level some old forts on the other side of the Rhine. Marcel was one of them and I was another, for an accommodating Englishman let me take his place. We had managed to smuggle in two suits of civilian clothes, and these we put on under our khaki. A couple of German hats in our coat pockets, and we were ready for escape No. 2.

To explain the matter quite briefly. Before we had finished our day's work on those forts Marcel and I managed to bury our khaki trousers and tunics. This left us in our civilian clothes, well concealed by our great coats.

At five o'clock we began marching back to camp. There were Germans in front of us and Germans behind us. But the notion had struck me that once we had got round a bend in the lane the Germans behind wouldn't be able to see us till they had got round too, while the Germans in front would have their backs to us.

As soon as we turned the bend off we whipped our caps and coats, thrust on our civilian hats, sprang out on to the pathway, and about-turned just in time to meet the German soldiers coming round the corner.

DASH FOR THE FRONTIER.

"Guten Abend!" we said, quaking in our boots. And what a sigh of relief we sent up when we heard them answer, "Guten Abend!" Then we tramped it.

The first dawn found us in a dangerous situation between two military towns—Bucholt and Bochum—so we took refuge in a wood and screened ourselves in foliage. After some hours a party of Germans came up and began collecting and tying up faggots. They worked for five hours on end, and sometimes they were only five paces from our hiding-places. And, all the time, we were growing hungrier and hungrier—for we didn't have a bite of food all that trip.

When they had gone we made a last desperate dash for the frontier. We swam rivers, crept along ditches, crawled through masses of barbed wire, slipped through lines of sentries, played hide-and-seek with.

cavalry patrols. It sounds simple—but you try it.

At two in the morning I said to Marcel: "How shall we know when we are over the frontier?"

"The sleepers in Germany are of iron; in Holland they are of wood," he answered.

And, just then we stumbled on some railway lines. "Wood!" I cried. "Thank God, we're in Holland!"

We had made good our escape. A few days later I was back in England—a free man once more.

THE DEFENDERS OF KUT.

The following officers of the Regiment have been reported from the Base as believed to have been taken prisoners at Kut-el-Amara. The list is not quite complete, and there may be some others:—

Major J. W. Nelson, D.S.O. Captain M. J. Dinwiddy. Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O. Second-Lieutenant J. Mills.

Also

Lieutenant E. B. Burns, East Kent Regt. Attached. Lieutenant S. B. Gregory, Devon Regt.

PRISONERS RELEASED FROM KUT.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment, sick and wounded, released from Kut-el-Amara, have been transferred to India:—
9704 Lance-Corporal R. Fifield.
9466 Lance-Corporal A. Kingsmill.
9354 Private T. Mitchell.
9465 Private J. Smith.

The following were also released, and have died since:—
10644 Private T. Collins.

8678 Private J. Standen.

A COMEDY IN RED TAPE.

The following article was originally printed in the "Hampshire Telegraph" in 1891, and was reproduced a month or two later in "The Queen's Own Gazette." It has now again appeared in "The Globe and Laurel," the Regimental paper of the Royal Marines.

The Red Tape Rat Trap.

Within a thousand miles of P— was a large store, in which a large quantity of military clothing was kept, pending emergencies, and to keep down the rats there was a cat, for which a small subsistence allowance was drawn monthly. Retrenchment, however, was the order of the day, and the officer in charge was directed to indent for "traps, rat, wire, iron, galvanised, Mark I, in the proportion of one to every 100 suits of clothing." In the next "changes in war material" an elaborate description of the above trap appeared, and the cat was declared obsolete, and was ordered to be handed over to the Commissariat Department to be sold.

The number of traps, according to the above proportion, was found to be 19.3, and accordingly 20 traps were demanded.

The indent came back with one trap disallowed, but, by way of consolation, it was stated that "fractions of a trap exceeding .5 would be considered as a whole trap."

Thereupon the officer in charge of the clothing store pointed out that the old 33 suits of clothing would be at the mercy of the rats, but without avail.

The 19 traps duly arrived, and a return Army Form X 1063 was ordered to be submitted monthly.

The return in question was arranged in birdcage form, and was a masterpiece of its kind, showing at a glance the amount of clothing in store, the cubic measurement of each room, the number of traps on hand, and the number of rats caught each day. Mice were to be shown under "Remarks," the percentage of rats caught to the suits of clothing, and of rats to traps was to be marginally noted.

As it was feared that the officer in charge of the clothing store might endeavour to credit for mice as rats, the measurements of the animal caught was ordered to be inserted, and the officer in charge was authorised to demand "a suitable service measuring rod for the purpose."

The officer in charge of the clothing store, anxious to show the keen interest he took in the matter, demanded "gauges, measuring cartridges and live shell," which would enable measurements to be taken to 1/1000 of an inch.

The authorities pointed out in reply that these gauges were fitted with gun-metal screws, and intended for measuring explosive articles only, "a condition presumably not applying to rafs," and that their use with articles of a non-explosive character would therefore be "highly irregular, if not dangerous," and that the operation must, in any case, be carried out under magazine regulations, with felt slippers, in anisolated building 400 yards from the road. A plan of the locality was to be submitted.

An application that the terms"Live Shell" might be extended to include live rats was rejected, and it was suggested that an ordinary 2-footrule would be sufficiently accurate for practical purposes.

This was accordingly demanded, but elicited the reply that "these tools form part of chests, tools, carpenters, which were only allowed at stations for which carpenters' shops were authorised."

A strong case was accordingly made for the erection of a carpenters' shop, which was sanctioned at a cost of some hundreds of pounds.

. Meanwhile the officer in charge of the store acknowledged receipt of the traps, and requested instructions as to how they were to be set.

The reply came "that the matter had been under consideration, and instructions would shortly be published."

The first monthly return showed several suits of clothing destroyed by rats.

The authorities gave evidence of the energy they have always displayed on an emergency, and a very complete pamphlet was issued within a month, in which the mining of the iron, drawing out into wire,

method of galvanising, manufacture into traps, and system of inspection, testing, and passing into the service, were exhaustively dilated on and profusely illustrated.

Nevertheless, the second return was like the first.

"Were the instructions regarding the setting of the traps strictly carried out?"

"Yes; the clothing destroyed doubtless was part of that for which traps were disallowed," was the triumphant rejoinder.

Another trap was allowed, but "it was in contemplation to make a corresponding increase to the clothing in store of 67 suits."

The third showed "Rats caught, Nil," and more clothing destroyed.

A Mark "II" trap was introduced which differed from Mark "I" in that the wire was not galvanised, and the iron was obtained in Germany.

No rats were caught, and further destruction of clothing.

"None but men of superior intelligence were to be allowed to touch the traps, and a warrant officer was to be struck off duty and detailed to instruct them. A return was to be submitted monthly showing the number of men instructed.

In selecting the warrant officer the claims of a man who had caught bandicoots in India were ignored, and the opportunity of infusing fresh blood into this important service was neglected. The grievance was duly aired in a weekly contemporary.

The worthy soldier who was selected elaborated a drill in accordance with "the spirit of instruction," which, after various extension motions to develop the trap-setting muscles, commenced with "take up traps" and ended with "ease springs."

Badges in gold and worsted of cross rats' tails were authorised for men who attained a certain stage of proficiency in trap-setting.

Still no rats were caught, and the destruction of clothing continued.

"The return showing the number of men instructed was to be submitted in duplicate twice a week."

Even this failed to produce an improvement.

It was suddenly discovered that the trap, though officially known as trap, rat, wire, fron, galvanised, Mark "II," was, in fact, made of ungalvanised iron. The responsibility for this blunder could not be brought home to anyone, but after some discussion the nomenclature was amended, and "changes in war material" were ordered to be at once corrected accordingly, and a certificate rendered.

The amendment was made retrospective, and past returns were ordered to be re-submitted. They were still found to be blank, and no improvement ensued.

. The authorities were reluctantly compelled to admit that the traps had not answered their expectations, and that there appeared to be no fault either in the traps themselves or the setting, and enquired incidentally what hait was used.

The officer in charge of the clothing store pointed out that no allowance was made for bait in the regulations, and that he could not be expected to provide it out of his own pocket.

In the end the cat was reintroduced into the service, and "was to be strictly adhered to for the purpose of catching rats."

The traps were ordered to be retained for instructional purposes only.

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REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross (as announced in our last issue) on Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy, 2nd Battalion :- "For conspicuous gallantry. He carried messages under heavy fire, and displayed great coolness and courage in controlling a retirement.

Also the Distinguished Conduct Medal on 6348 Sergeant A. B. Hammond, 1st Battalion, and 1036 Lance-Corporal F. Liddamore, 1st Battalion:—" For conspicuous gallantry. When repairing wire, the enemy opened rapid fire at 35 yards range, causing several casualties. Sergeant Hammond and Lance-Corporal Liddamore under heavy fire rescued a wounded officer, and brought him back into safety. Company Sergeant-Major Crossley was killed while with them."

The King has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in the field, dated June 3rd, 1916: -

To be Brevet Lieut,-Colonel-Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.

D.S.O.-Major A. K. Grant; Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) E. H. Norman.

MILITARY CROSS-Captain and Adjutant P. N. Anstruther, 7th Battalion; Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) H. Bracken; Quarter-Master and Honorary Lieutenant H G. Rogers, 1st Battalion; 7421 Regimental Sergeant-Major R. Brown, 1st Battalion.

D.C.M -8053 Company Sergeant-Major H. Hibbert, 6th Battalion; 932 Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Mills, 8th Battalion; 1086 Company Sergeant-Major C. Pearson, 7th Battalion.

MILITARY MEDAL- 6502 Pte. J. H. Baker, 8th Battalion; 645 Pte. E. Dowsing, 6th Battalion; 1384 Lance-Corpl J. East, 8th Battalion; 7564 Pte. W. Feast, 1st Battalion; 416 Lance-Corpl. C. J. Witherden, 6th Battalion.

The following distinctions have also been gained by officers who previously served in the Regiment :-

To be Brevet Colonel-Lieut.-Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) J. W. O'Dowda, 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

C.M.G.-Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) E, V. O. Hewett, R. of O.; commanding 6th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

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Sir R. G. Bredon, K.C.M.G., to December, 1919: 2nd-Lieutgnant E. May, to December, 1916; 2nd-Lieutenant E. Gray Maitland, to March, 1917; Mrs. Soames, to April, 1917; E. J. Hilton, to July, 1917; Mrs. Isacke, to December, 1916; Captain Willis, to June, 1918; Mrs. Chitty, to December, 1916; Q.M.S. Bowman, to December, 1916; W. Norris, to April, 1917; Sir Marcus Samuel, Bart., to April, 1917; G. C. Snelgrove, to April, 1917; Colonel Pedley, C.B., to September, 1918; Mrs. Beaumont, to April, 1917; A. E. Rogers, to December, 1917; W. Purfield, to December, 1916; Mrs. Booth, to Dec., 1916; Admiral Buckle, to 1916; Mrs. G. Fittab. to Dec., 1916. Fittab, to Dec. 1916.

THE CANADIAN BUFFS.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Vaughan-Cowell, Commanding 2/4th, The Buffs (late 2nd in command of our 2/5th Battalion) informs us that Kent men in Canada are forming a Battalion to be called "The Canadian Buffs," and are receiving much assistance from "The Queen's Own Rifles," a Canadian Militia Regiment of some years standing, and originated by West Kent men.

POSERS FOR PAYMASTERS.

Extracts from letters received by a Paymaster (authenticated):-"Dear Sir,-I have received no pay since my husband has gone from nowhere.'

"Dear Sir-My husband has been away at the Crystal Palace and got

a for days furlough and has now gone to the Mind Sweepers. 'Dear Sir,—We received your letter, I am is Grandfather and Grandmother, he was born and brought up in this house in answer to your

letter."

"Dear Sir, - Mrs.——has been put to bed with a little lad, wife of

"Sir. - I write these few lines for Mrs. - who cannot write herself. She is expecting to be confined and can do with it.'

Dear Sir,-In accordance with instructions on ring paper I have given

birth to a daughter on October 21st.''
'' Dear Sir,—You have changed my little boy into a little girl. Will it make any difference?"

"Dear Sir,—I am expecting to be confined next month, will you please let me know what I am to do about it?"

"Dear Sir,—My husband Bill has been put in charge of a Spittoon.
Shall I get any more pay?"

"Will you please send me my money as early as possible as I am walking about Bolton like a dammed pawper and oblige."

"Dear Sir,-My husband has joined the Army and 5 shall be glad if you will send me his elopement money.'

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

In India a man out of a cask may not marry a woman out of another cask.

Pompeii was destroyed by an eruption of saliva from the Vatican.

Tennyson wrote "In Memorandum."

Typhoid fever may be prevented by fascination.

Parallel lines are the same distance all the way and do not meet unless you bend them.

An angle is a triangle with only two sides.

The qualifications for citizenship are that you must be neutral born or

The function of the stomach is to hold up the petticoat. Horse-power is the distance one horse can carry a pound of water in an hour.

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Before the war the Terms of Subscriptions for Officers serving with either of the Line Battalions, or at the Depot, was 6]- a year, making a total of about £18 a year. This arrangement has, however, now become a dead letter, and a consequent loss of income. A few of these officers, however, do subscribe at the rate of 4]- a year. Will others do the same?

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:: News from the Battalions. ::

1st BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. B. BUCHANAN DUNLOP, D.S.O. (Commanding).

Our last month's letter had to be sent off before the final of the Inter-platoon Football Competition had been played. This turned out to be a most exciting struggle, and it was only after extra time had been played that the Transport could claim the victory over the Bombers.

The last time we were at rest we had "sports," which lasted for three afternoons. Nothing of a very serious nature was attempted, and most of the contests were of a frivolous nature: Sack races, three-legged race, obstacle race, "blind squad" drilling, and the such like, all of which provided considerable exercise to the competitors and much amusement to the onlookers. A large supply of articles from the dry canteen were placed in the centre of the ground, and the victors were able to take away at once prizes of their own choice. On the last day the officers and Sergeants had a tug-of-war, and the Officers succeeded in pulling the Sergeants over, During the second afternoon two "ladies' of

for exterminating the Germs that are collected in front of our new abodes, or that they have laid their pen besides their gun, to rest. Of course this might read strange; but we are at "war;" that again might be fresh news (to the Conscientious Objector), but not to those 16 Battalions of the Q.O.R.W.K. who are at present spread over half the world helping to keep the "flag" on top. But, as I stated, "News" has been short; not because of shortness of sport, etc., but the shyness of our new Company reporters.

Well, we are out for our usual period of rest, and during this term have been making the most of it.

By chance it reached our ears of a certain C.S.M. of "B" throwing dark hints regarding the prowess of his N.C.O.'s at football; we naturally threw down the gauntlet and lined up in a field to defend "honours." One hardly credits the "Shining Lights" you find amongst the N.C.O.'s until stripped for the fray.



C COMPANY, 1st BATTALION, WINNERS OF BATTALION FOOTBALL SHIELD, Played on Active Service in France, 1915—16.

Standing—Lee, Corpl. Thomas, Pte. Peskett, Co. Q.M.S. Hylands, 2nd-Lieut. P. F. Cross, Lieut. J. K. Wright, 2nd-Lieut. G. F. Peachey, Sergt. Rogers, Lee Corpl. Jupp. Sitting—Pte. Claridge, Pte. White, Co. Sergt. Major Stroud, 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Cale, Lt. E. J. Fulcher, Sergt. Taylor, Pte. Carlton, Pte. Ring.

the village" put in an appearance. We felt that we were on dangerous ground and we do not wish to lose our reputation for gallantry, but, vivacious as French ladies are, the behaviour of the couple surpassed our wildest expectations, and everyone was struck with their extraordinary likeness to two well-known members of the Battalion. However, girls will be girls!

There has been considerable excitement in Transport circles owing to a Divisional Horse Show, got up with a view to encouraging and improving horsemastership. At present we have only had a Brigade competition, in which the general turn-out of the whole Transport has been judged; other events take place early next month. In the Brigade competition (open to the Battalions and Brigade M.G. Company) we are glad to say that we have carried off the first prize. Your correspondent had the opportunity of seeing the preparations that were made, and our success is well deserved. Our congratulations to the Transport Officer, sergeant, and men whose efforts have had such a good result.

I have noticed that no news whatever of the doings of the "D" Company has appeared in the "Q.O.G." for a few months past, the reason, perhaps, being that the Company reporters, like all others, are utilising their spare time in thinking or devising different sorts of contrivances

The teams were:—"D": Lance-Corpl. Dyer; Lance-Corpl. Wickham and Corpl. O'Donohue; Corpl. Ash, Lance-Corpl. Hanmore and Sergt. French; Lance-Corpl. Knowles, C.Q.M.S. Cronk, Sergt. Traill, Sergt. Kirton, and Lance-Corpl. Callaghan. "B": Sergt. Nurden, Sergt. Franklin and Lance-Corpl. Robson; Sergt. Russell, Corpl. Ely and Corpl. Handyside; Lance-Corpl. Mills, Lance-Corpl. Gregory, Lance-Corpl. Mills, Lance-Corpl. Fullager, and Corpl. Norman. Referee, Corpl. Ticking.

Lance-Corpl. Mills started the ball rolling, and it was not long before the science of "D" asserted itself and absolutely outplayed "B," and though they bombarded "B's" goal they could not find the net; when, with a sudden breakaway, combined with a strong wind and a huge amount of "luck," "B" managed to scramble one through; interval arriving with "B" leading one—nothing.

On resuming "D" took the field with eight men, so as not to make the game one-sided, and were not long in finding the net. Try as hard as they could "B" could not pierce the defence of "D," and the eight held them in check until the whistle sounded for a draw of one goal all.

An amusing incident during the game was the sudden disappearance of Sergeant Kirton. I found out afterwards he had been knocked clean through a "hedge" by Sergeant Russell.

"B" being outclassed in soccer looked for a new method of lowering the colours of "D," and dug out their new and old punchers, including the renowned "Bricky Smith," but we also have a few of the "Bag Slashers," and they turned up in great numbers to defend the honour of the "D.C.M." Company.

So a programme was arranged and carried out to perfection, which consisted of eight contests of three rounds duration.

This tournament was purely for sport, as no prizes were offered.

Before opening hostilities a pretty speech was deliveerd by C.S.M. Ransome, who was very particular in explaining to "D" the exact position of the "Stretcher Bearers' Hut."

The first to don the gloves were:-

- (1): Pte. Jeffery, "D." v. Pte. Brown, "B." Being of the blotting paper weight, science was the order, and a good three rounds of pretty boxing was witnessed, which ended in Jeffery gaining the verdict.
- (2): Corpl. McKenzie, "D," v. Lance-Corpl. Robson, "B." Both being powerful hitters, we looked forward to a knock-out, the "Jock" being after blood, but being a novice with the bags, Robson had no trouble in evading the tooth-rattler, and scrambled in a winner after a good slog.
- (3): Pte. Baker, "D," v. Pte. Stock, "B." This was a go (as the Yank says). Stock tapping blood for the first time; but in drawing blood he also roused it, and after chasing Stock round the ring, intent on taking life, a serious situation was prevented by the call of time, "Stocker" claiming the honours.
- (4): This topped the bill and was termed our "Special." Pte. Tom Dabin, "D," challenged all comers, which was promptly accepted by Pte. Tiddler Boddington, "D." As expected, this turned out a "rattler." On entering the ring the fine physique of Dabin outshone the "tubby" appearance of Tiddler, whose long reach made up his deficiency in legs. The first round opened cautiously, Dabin making headway with a feeler to Tiddler's "tummy." The second was a hard slam, both taking and giving plenty of gruel, but with science on his side Dabin assumed the upper hand. Coming up for the third and last, Dabin used all he knew, and those who witnessed the fine display of "footwork" and how that flashing left of "Tom's" found its billet in the biscuit of Tiddler's, wonder why he does not figure amongst the champions. Though outclassed, Tiddler stuck to his gun and just managed to scramble in on the call of time, Dabin being an all-out winner.
- (5): Pte. Melloy, "D," v. Pte. Hawkes, "B." These two being old hands at the game put up a good show, and after three good clean rounds Hawkes received the verdict.
- (6): Lance-Corpl. Dyer, "D," v Lance-Corpl. Evans, "B." Being evenly matched, a good bout was witnessed, which ended with Dyer the winner.
- (7): Owing to an unforeseen accident, C.S.M. Ransome was unable to don the bags with C.M.S. Cronk, who, I hear, had been in special training; so "B" was searched for a deputy, but none could be found to face the old war horse. So Bricky Smith, "B," late Army and Navy Champion, gave a three-round exhibition with Pte. Foreman, "D" (late Guards). Smith shewed that he had lost none of his old prowess, and after a strenuous three rounds both finished on their feet minus their wind, which was soon replaced by the XXX. of C.O.M.S. Maslin's.
- (8): The last item of the programme was between Lance-Corpl. Callaghan, "D," and Pte. Sullivan, "D." Some pretty boxing was witnessed in this bout, both being old inhabitants of the "ring." They gave a real exhibition of how the game should be played, and put a splendid finish to a rather "impromptu tournament."

I must state that "B" quite held their own, and we give all credit

Owing to the great success of the meeting, we decided ("B" and "D") to give a concert on the following evening.

This concert was held in a field adjoining our huts; a stage was erected and the surrounding trees were prettily decorated with hanging lamps. With a full programme, the orchestra opened with a selection entitled, "Hit 'im in the Belly with a Whizz-Bang." The first to tread the boards was Pte. Boddington, "D," comic, "Playing the Game in the Trench"; Pte. Pearce, "A," comic, "Souvenir" (composed by singer); Sergt. French and Lance-Corpl. Donoghoe, "D:" duet, sentimental, "Baby Rose"; Lance-Corpl. Beckwith and Pte. Melloy, "D," duet, "Ragtime, Ghost of the Violin"; Pte. Sullivan, "D," step-dance, accompanied by Sergeant Prichard on the flautanaget; Corpl. Priddy, "B," recitation, "Gunga Din"; Pte. Melloy, "D," sentimental, "Wonderful Rose of Red"; Sergt. French, "D," comic, "Ragtime Curate"; Lance-Corpl. Donoghue, "D," comic, "Devil's Dance."

The last turn on the programme was Pte. Boddington, "D," comic, entitled "I see you've got your old brown hat on," followed by patter and humorous tales. This turn concluded one of the most enjoyable even-

ings spent in France, and we ("B" and "D") hope when next at rest to arrange for a repetition of same. More anon.

Thanks must be given to the Officers, who obliged by their presence; to the orchestra, Sergt. Prichard, whistle; Corpl. Ely, cornet.

The whole of the arrangements were carried out by C.S.M. Ransome and Staff,

"D" Co. Correspondent.

2nd BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. J. WOULFE-FLANAGAN (Commanding).

We regret that the Censor's blue pencil has fallen heavily on the news from this Battalion. We are glad, however, to state that the health of the Battalion is excellent.

3rd BATTALION.

LIEUT.COLONEL C. D. BARROW, (Commanding).

The 3rd Battlion letter this month is very short, owing to the fact that no events of any importance have taken place.

We congratulate Colonel Barrow on his promotion to the Command of the Battalion.

The following officers have left the Battalion since the last issue of the "Gazette":—Captain Ogle, Captain T. K. Wright, Captain Bonham-Carter, Lieut. Pattison, 2nd Lieut. Milford, 2nd Lieut. Morrish and Lieut. Norris to Expeditionary Force.

1/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. N. WATNEY, T.D. (Commanding).

Another month has slipped quickly by, and once again I am faced With the task of endeavouring to find a few items of information concerning our doings that appear worthy of record. During the month we have sent away successive parties of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men to various stations, until at the time of writing less than 200 of all ranks are remaining with headquarters

My last contribution was, I think, despatched just as we were sending off our first detachment to X. This numbered exactly 100, but we had already 40 N.C.O.'s and men there, who have for the past six months been carrying out range duties in connection with the Central School of Muskery, for which this station is famous.

About a week later we sent another small party, numbering about 40, to Y.

The largest party, however, left later for Z. Altogether this detachment numbered 240, and included the band, machine gunners, and signallers. It is under the command of Captain F. L. Stone, who is accompanied by Lieuts. Hartree, Pardington, Golding and Wilson. The number of officers remaining with the Battalion has thus been considerably reduced, for in addition to the above the following are serving in various appointments away from the station: Major A. Cohen, commanding X Depot; Captain 'A. R. Cheale, Station Staff Officer, X.; Major Robb, Acting D.A.A.G., 5th Divstion; Captain J. Henson, Station Staff Officer, W.; Captain Norman, Station Staff Officer, Z.; and Lieuts. Roberts and Craig, X. Captains Watney and Locket are also away on a course of instruction at the School of Signalling, while Captain Bourne, with an instructional party of N.C.O.'s and men is at K. The latter party, however, are due to return during the course of the next few days. We have also lost Lieut. Armitage, who has been transferred to another Regiment.

From the foregoing it will be seen that our numbers here have been considerably reduced.

The musketry course for 1916 is now practically complete, and again shows an improvement on last year. The Company averages in each case are well in excess of 100 points. "C" Company leading the way with 115.

Occasional hockey and football matches are still indulged in. The earlier part of the past month, however, saw the conclusion of the competitions for the Garrison football and hockey trophies. In the former of these the Battalion succeeded in retaining possession of the handsome Wallace Cup, "B" Company were the finalists, and they beat their opponents (a company of the Hants) by four goals to one. The match was played on the Garrison ground on Saturday, April 22nd, before a huge crowd of spectators, and at the conclusion the handsome cup and medals (in the absence from the station of the wife of the G.O.C.) were presented by Mrs. Wise.

In a sense, this is the second year that "B" Company has won the trophy. On the last occasion the competition was run under the old Eight Company system, and was won by what was then "C" Company. Later this company formed part of the new "B" under the Four Company establishment, and, as before stated, they succeeded in retaining their hold on the Wallace Cup. "D" Company, however, this year proved a bit of a stumbling block to them in the semi-final, and the teams met three times before "B"could claim the advantage. The side

that represented us in the final was as follows:—Gaol, F. Large; backs, F. Whiting and Lance-Corpl. C. Knight; half-backs. E. Wood, E. G. Jell and E. Allen; forwards, W. A. Smith, P. Mathers, Drummer Harding, Lance-Corpl. Chapman and Drummer C. Wood.

In the Hockey Competition such good fortune did not attend us and although "C" Company reached the final, we had to give up possession of the cup in favour of the Hants.

The units represented in the two competitions were the three Batteries of Field Artillery, the four Companies of the Hants, and four Companies of West Kents.

3/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT,-COLONEL J. D. LAURIE, T.D. (Commanding).

Hitherto the readers of the "Queen's Own Gazette" have not been glutted with news of us, but for the future we shall hope to occupy a regular place in its pages.

Within the last month the numbers of the Battalion have been swelled from 500 to considerably over 1,000 strong. We have been severely taxed to provide accommodation for these numbers, but by means of tents and other makeshifts the necessary quarters were found.

We have recently opened a large recreation and reading-room for the men, which we trust will be appreciated.

Talking about "recreation," the past football season was very successful for the Battalion, it's victorious career only meeting with its first reverse in the semi-final of the "Mond" Challenge Cup Competition at the hands of the Sussex R.F.A., who proved just too good for us.

The end of a long series of fiercely contested inter-Company matches showed "C" Company triumphant, only one defeat being registered against this team throughout the season, six of whom played regularly for the Battalion.

Turning from "Sport" to "Art," we are at present the coveted possessors of the only brass band in the Brigade; this distinction is attended by the usual disadvantages of an excess of demand over supply, but the extra work has never been allowed to hinder the excellent progress made by the bandsmen, which has been so apparent since 2nd Lieut. T. Beadle brought his musical talents and experience to their aid,

The familiar programme of training, which we have now been carrying out since mobilisation, was varied last week by an inspection by Fleld Marshal Lord French, who, we are proud to learn, expressed his approval of the way the troops defiled past him and remarked on their good appearance and turn out.

We hope, therefore, that the time may come when this Battalion may have the honour to maintain, if not to add to, the glorious traditions of the Royal West Kent Regiment on "the other side."

4/4th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. D. DISNEY-ROEBUCK (Commanding).

With the advent of fine weather and longer days, training has been intensified till the "Super-Dreadnought" class has been reached. The recruit now passes through the soldier-making course with a rapidity that takes the breath away and is "trained" before he realises the fact. Syllabuses, time-tables, diaries and summaries play hide-and-seek in one's dreams after acting as taskmasters throughout the day. Time passes quckly, too quickly in fact, and "Summer Time," with its longer evenings is welcomed by all as giving greater leisure after the hard work of the day.

Even inspections have to give way to training now, for every hour is precious, and "working inspections" are now an established part of training. Lieut.-General Sir James Wolfe Murray, K.C.B., and Major-General G. Egerton, C.B., have both paid us visits while work is going on.

With warm weather to aid it, dust has ousted mud, and shirt-sleeve parades are the order of the day.

Spare accommodation in our lines is at present occupied by a detachment of West Kent Yeomanry, and the 14 Sergeants attached to our Sergeants' Mess are a welcome addition. Here's to our continued good fellowship.

On April 26th, at the kind invitation of the 3/1st Kent Cyclists' Sergeants, our Sergeants met them in a games competition. A very pleasant evening resulted in our triumph by 8 to 3. R.S.M. Hyde, C.S.M. Harden, Q.M.S. Biddle, C.S.M. Smith and C.Q.M.S. Newport added to the musical programme provided by our hosts, and we hope something in the nature of a return match will be arranged shortly.

Several members of the Sergeants' Mess also attended a "musical evening" at our friends and neighbours, the 3/5th. Needless to say, Jimmy, Micky and Tommy took the opportunity to talk over "old times" in the 2nd Battalion.

Life's lighter side creps up even in hard training, and many "recruits" are "had" by the "old soldiers" of three months' service. Queries:—"Can I draw my gas helmet, sir; I've been warned for Inlying Piquet?" "Will the C.O. accept a week's pay in lieu of notice if I wish to resign at once?"

1/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL F. A. FRASER (Commanding).

This Battalion is now in the throes of a very heavy "musketry and physical training" stroke, and I feel confident we shall all "pull through," and hope that we shall improve on our musketry standard of last year. We have now got a very strong perfume of trained musketry and physical training instructors, who are doing their level best to spray all they know on their fellow comrades, and there is no reason why we ought not to average at least marksmen right through the battalion. We shall see. After this very important three weeks' training programme the course (1916-17) will be commenced, and I shall hope to send you some very startling results in the near future. By the way, I am not yet in the know as to who is doing Butt duty for us. The gossip is that we are going to cost the Government quite a lot of money in the proficiency pay line this time, as the two years of mobilized service is nearly up and we have a great batch of "war soldiers" in the Battalion. We are pleased, however, to see more than one among the musketry instructors that form up daily, it speaks rather well for their keenness, especially in this most important phase of our training.

Captain R. E. Satterthwaite is back again with us, and resumes duty as Adjutant vice Captain H. L. Richardson,

2/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL E. B. WILLIS (Commanding).

We are still in billets, but hope to be under canvas shortly.

The Brigade Sports took place on the 26th April, in which our Battalion scored a brilliant success by winning the cup presented by the Brigader and Brigade Staff for the unit scoring the greatest number of points. It was a very tight contest and the result was in doubt almost to the last race, Great credit is due to 2nd Lieut. Chattell for the manner in which he organised the Battalion team, which meant many hours of hard work getting at the form of the various competitors.

The events won were as follows:—
100 Yards—2nd Lieut. Godfray, 1st.
100 Yards—Sergt. Munday, 2nd.
Half Mile—Pte. Watley, 1st.
Half Mile—Pte. Douglas, 2nd.
Relay Race—Battation Team, 1st.

Note should be made of the running of 2nd Lieut. Godfray, whose time in the 100 yards was 10 2-5th, very excellent for a grass track. Undoubtedly the finest achievement by the Battalion was the winning of the Relay Race. Lieut. Teape, Lieut. Godfray, Sergt. Munday and Pte. Duggan ran in that order, and each of the first three gained considerable ground and gave Private Duggan a more or less easy task to win with a few yards to spare.

The prizes were presented by the wife of our Brigadier, and altogether a very pleasant day was spent.

The Battalion Sports Committee are very busy with the summer programme, and we shall expect great things from the Battalion Cricket Team.

We have welcomed an old friend back this month—Captain E. G. Savage, who left us to go with the Kent Composite Battalion to Gallipoli just a year ago. He is to take over Second in Command of this Battalion, and I am sure he will have the good wishes and support of all hands.

The following signallers have been granted First Class Certificates:— Lance-Sergt. Bartlett, Lance-Corpl. Heryet, Lance-Corpl. Wise, Private Bashford and Private Everitt-

Course of Instruction for N.C.O.'s Southern Army.—No. 2909 Sergeant Staff, "C" Company, was specially brought to notice as having special qualification as an Instructor.

The following N.C.O.'s and men have obtained certificates:—No. 3257 Private Blinkhorn, repair of Service bicycles; No. 3472 Private James, cold shoeing; No. 2906 Lance-Corporal Huckbody, instructor physical training and bayonet fighting; No. 2862 Corpl. Willimott, instructor physical training and bayonet fighting.

Musketry—No. 2270 Corporal Stubbings has been classed as first class instructor.

Cookery.—Nos. 3648 Pte. A. Saunders and No. 3150 Pte. G. Illson attended a course of cookery at Dartford.

We are still in the thick of training, and all ranks are trying to do their best.

6th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. S. OWEN, D.S.O. (Commanding).

Glorious, persistent, soul-enlivening, liver-curing sunshine has succeeded the very wet spell we had when last we wrote. Sylvan woods, hills and dales, a dreamy, leisurely and thoroughly happy village nestling snugly in the hollow, two waterfalls, sparkling streams wherein trout love to sport, golden meadows whereon moth-eaten, degenerate horses are put to be resurrected, farm houses with their usual queer assortment of half-demented workers—such are the immediate surround-

ings of the 6th Battalion. No wonder, then, that everybody is changing his skin, and taking unto himself a new philosophy. Come here and watch brass hats sportively and friskily gambolling on the sward. See here, veterans, heavily laden, racing over ploughed fields, through hedges, up steep banks, with such vim as to show their very joy of living.

Springing up and fast becoming active members of society here under this new treatment are some wonderfully queer organisms. One, whose occupation prior to the war shall be unnamed, has a bent for economy and smart witticisms. He saves fuel by eating his meat and bacon raw. His method of indulging in that wonderful beverage—tea—is as follows: He carefully mixes the tea and sugar, then places about a spoonful of this mixture on his far-outstretched tongue, closes his mouth for two or three seconds and then pours water over his tongue. He is brave, though not always immaculate.

Well, Mr. Editor, the cows are coming home, the pigs have already gone to bed, and, coming into the tree-avenued place, in one corner of which stands the rather pretty church—part old and part new—coming into this square, gay, with soldierly gait, smart and highly polished, is the band, its smartness reflects that of the Battalion. It is playing the retreat; so, good evening. Good-bye.

7th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COL. J. T. TWISTLETON-WYKEHAM-FIENNES (Commanding).

We left the trenches soon after midnight, and though we had been in for eight days we had to march straight out for a distance of eleven miles, along fearful roads, full of shell holes and puddles for the first five miles, till we got to a wood with tents there, sheltered from German aircraft, where we arrived about 5 a.m. Pretty good marching that, straight out of the trenches, where you got very little sleep and become very stiff and your feet soft; and yet nobody fell out. We left the wood again at 2 p.m. the same day—after less than five hours' sleep, and marched another eleven miles, arriving at our destination about 7.30 p.m.—again with no man falling out, though the heat was frightful. We left again at 9 a.m. the following morning, and marched about six miles, and then halted in a wood for about 21 hours, as we fortunately are not allowed to march during mid-day on hot days. Then we marched from the wood along miles and miles of straight main road, and then right through the middle of a large city. We had our fife and drum band at our head, and they played the "Marseillaise" and a lot of other popular tunes, English, Scotch, Irish and French. We had a tremendous reception, and as we marched along the main streets thousands of people turned up and watched us, and a tremendous mob followed us and walked along each side of the column, shouting, singing and clapping the band. It was fearfully hot marching through the town, and we could not halt on the main roads, so we had to keep on marching. My company was the last in the column, and suddenly the Army Commander appeared in his car from a side street, which the head of the company had just reached. He got out of his car, asked who we were and where we had come from, and remarked on the excellence of the marching and the smartness of the men. I forgot to mention we had come out of the trenches with buttons polished, equipment cleaned and polished, and everything very smart; a bit of an effort I can tell you! Well, to continue the triumphal march, we halted for tea and a rest in one of the public parks, and I have you to imagine the awful crowd that swarmed round everybody. Everyone wanted souvenirs, and if any man put his cap on the ground for a moment the badge at once disappeared. After leaving the town we had to march a good long way further, and arrived at last, at about 11 p.m., at a fairly large village, having marched 41 miles in 47 hours, after eight rather lively days in the trenches.

8th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. PARKER (Commanding).

Just a line on the 8th R.W. Kents' work and play this side of the Herring Pond. We have been having a pretty busy time lately, had a taste of "Fritz's" gas for the first time, and I cannot say-I like the taste of it. The gas was followed by the "usual," but nothing came of the affair, we were "prepared," and our cap badge motto still stands good. We have had a few casualties here, not many considering the number of shells, etc., "Fritz" sends over. We had some fun the other night. The orders came to "Stand to." The boys turned out at once, and received orders to go back to their billets, but not to take equipment or helmets off. Soon they started to sleep; so means had to be taken to keep them awake. These were soon found. Gather round you fellows, and we will tell you the way the Germans have of gassing us. They have trained monkeys, which they send across to our lines, with large tin cans tied to their talls full of gas; when within reasonable distance, they fire at these cans, which means we get the full benefit of it; the monkeys then return to their lines. The story finished, the boys soon went to sleep, so we took their candles, leaving the room in darkness, went out and returned with a goat, and let it loose in their bedroom, taking good care to close the doors. From the outside one could hear voices from within, "Take it away," "It's scratching me," "It's a cow," "No, it's a monkey," and other language, and to add to the fun the goat butted them. When we could leave off laughing, we opened the door and let the goat loose. We, of course, expected the

D.C.M. for our brilliant ideas in keeping the men awake, and we nearly got a "D.C.M." for stealing the goat, so we have given up all ideas of trying for honours behind the firing line. All the boys are merry and bright. The only time they "moan" is when they spot an R.E. They have threatened the R.E.'s with all sorts of things, when they meet in civilian life. The best of luck to all the Royal West Kent boys.

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9th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J. DANIELL (Commanding).

We much regret to have to record a bathing fatality which occurred here on Easter Monday. It appears that during the afternoon some of our pand boys went for a bathe, when Boy A. McDougall, who was known to be a good swimmer, was apparently seized with cramp and was drowned. His companions shewed great gallantry in trying to rescue him, and almost succeeded, but unfortunately they were unable to do so. The body was recovered shortly afterwards, and at the inquest which was subsequently held the Coroner highly commended Boy Hodges for his plucky efforts to save the unfortunate boy. The fureral took place from the Camp Church on the 29th April, the chief mourners being the three brothers and sister-in-law of the deceased. The following were present:—Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell, Lieut.-Colonel T. T. Burt, Major Walter (his Company Commander), 2nd Lieuts. Wakefield, Davis and Adams, Sergt.-Major McVicar, Co. Sergt.-Major Rogers, a representative party from "C" Company, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, and Nurse Golding.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. McCombe and the Rev. W. E. Watkins (Chaplains to the Forces). The band, under Bandmaster Hunt, played at the service, and also on the way to the Cemetery, the drums also attending.

Wreaths were sent from the deceased's brothers and sister-in-law, the Officers of the Battalion, Major Walter and Officers of "C" Company, the N.C.O.'s and men of "C" Company, the N.C.O.'s and men of "E" Company, Mr. Hunt (Bandmaster), the Members of the Band and Members of the Drums, the Members of the Sergeants' Mess, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd.

The deceased, who was a promising musician, belonged to the 2nd Battalion Band, but on that Battalion proceeding on active service from India, he was sent to the Depot at Maidstone, and joined us in February last.

Our Band, which now plays with a strength of about 27, including a few from the Drums, etc., has improved very greatly during the past few weeks, under the capable direction of Bandmaster Hunt, and is much in request just now. On Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th May, it played on the sea front, giving three performances on the Saturday, and two on the Sunday. It is now engaged for a week at one place, and also for a week at another.

The improved weather conditions of the past few weeks have allowed a considerable amount of additional training to be carried out, and the men are kept hard at it from "early morn till dewy eve," so recreation has to wait till the evening.

A great deal of attention has for some time past been paid to "bombing," the men being also taught to throw live bombs from the trenches away on the hills. Much time is also spent on bayonet fighting, a thorough knowledge of both of these being recognised as essential in the "trained man" of to-day. Then, what with musketry drill, route marching, physical drill, etc., and two nights a week at night operations. It's no wonder that the men look so fit.

Cricket is now in full swing in the evenings after tea, a matting wicket being used, and the bumps have now been a bit levelled by the assistance of a steam roller after the ground had been pecked up, and a trial match, "Eleven v. Next Fifteen," was played to discover latent talent.

Although this opening match, which occupied three evenings, resulted in a defeat for the Eleven, after a capital game, it showed that later on we should possess a useful team.

On May 20th we played a neighbouring College on their ground, and after a good match the result was a draw. Scores:--

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F. R. H. Bevan, c Mills, b Matthes 25	lbw, b Matthes 1
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9th ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

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A second run took place on the evening of May 16th, the course being rather longer than in the previous race, being about 5½ miles, and included some gorse and down land. Again Sergeant Fulford proved an easy winner.

The prizes, which were all useful articles, were given away by Lieut.-Colonel Daniell.

The winners were as follows:—1 Sergt. Fulford, 2 Sergt. Sturt, 3 Pte. Fox, 4 Pte. Garvey, 5 Pte. Goodall, 6 Pte. Smith, 7 2nd Lieut. O. Willis, 8 Pte. Pembroke, 9 Pte. Bevan, 10 Pte. Lever. Also 25 cigarettes were given to the remainder of the competitors who finished the course.

Captain T. T. Waddington, 7th Battalion, has recently left us for service overseas, and the undernamed officers are now likewise under orders:—Lieut. F. W. Waydelin, 2nd Lieuts. L. A. Bartlett, G. Smith, H. C. Fry, J. C. Hoyland, J. H. Hughes, W. G. St. L. Montague, H. F. F. Montague, R. O. Russell, F. F. E. Harnett, G. Saveall, F. W. Wilkinson, H. T. Bond, T. A. Officer, O. Willis R. S. Hebblethwaite, B. L. Apperley.

All work and no play,
Makes Jack a dull boy (and Tommy, too),



9th BATTALION ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT FOOTBALL TEAM, 1915—16.

Back Row—Pte. G. Hockham, Sergt. T. Shuttlewood (referee), Sergt. J. M. Townley (asst. sec.), Corpl. R. Taylor, Sergt. L. C. Upfold, Sergt. H. Eaves, Sergt. C. Bolter, Pte. F. Bourne, Pte. C. L. Hook, Corpl. T. C. Dickinson.

Seated—Regimental Sergt.-Major W. McVicar, 2nd-Lieut. C. Adams (hon. sec. and referee), Lieut.-Col. O. J. Daniell, 2nd-Lieut. H. R. James.

Front Row—Pte. R. Howes, Pte. J. A. Smith, Pte. W. Tyler.

We see on the posters that the celebrated "Bob Abel" is going to play on the Park side. Our Eleven should feel very much bonoured by playing in a match with this world-renowned cricketer.

A cross-country race took place on Saturday, April 29th, over a good and varied course of about four miles. The result was extremely successful, Sergt.-Major McVicar despatching some 30 runners from the Parade Ground. The selection of the course allowed a good view of the finish, the last part being well in view of those possessing glasses. Although the leader won somewhat easily, there were several exciting tussies for other positions.

During the race a sprint of about 100 yards was arranged for the Band boys. At the conclusion the prizes were given away by Lieut.-Colonel Daniell.

The winners were:—1 Sergt. Fulford, 2 Sergt. Sturt, 3 Pte. Smith, 4 Pte. Garvey, 5 Pte. Goodall, 6 Corpl. Sunnucks, 7 Pte. Bradford, 8 Pte. Cox, 9 Sergt. Croft, 10 2nd Lieut. O. Willis.

Band Boys Race:-1 Pte. McEwen, 2 Pte. O'Brien, 3 Pte. Slattery.

While the competitors were "parading" for the start, the Band entertained us with selections.

—at least, so say the members of the Warrant Officers, Staff-Sergeants, and Sergeants' Mess of the 9th Battalion, and so it was proposed seconded and carried unanimously, that a brake outing be held, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13th, was the hour and day decided upon. At that time members to the number of sixty mustered ready to start in two large motor char-a-banes which had been engaged for the afternoon.

No 1—the grey car—was well up to time, but an exciting hunt took place before No. 2—the red car—was found.

Then, all being merry and bright a start was made for a spot (18 miles distant), which was reached safely after a delightful ride. The red car had the heels of the grey one, and this was the cause of the oft repeated query: "Has anyone seen a red car." A halt was called at an hotel, where refreshments, liquid and solid, were dispensed.

A number of members proceeded to the Castle, with the idea of having a look round, but were disappointed owing to the owners being in residence. A few of the "heads," however, one of whom claimed to have known the gamekeeper for years, after a chat with that gentleman, were invited to view the private chapel. The invitation was accepted. The building is of great historical interest and was much admired, as also were some few other parts of the Castle which the visitors were privileged to see.

All aboard once more, a start was made to a spot 24 miles away scenery was splendid. At P———— the second car had to stop for The scenery was splendid. At Pliquid refreshments (the car-not the occupants-it was before 6 p.m.). On resuming Sergeant Beck struck oil. A lady in a passing car tossed him a tin which he fondly hoped contained tobacco. The donor evidently mistook him for a wounded hero. After considerable suspense, for the lid proved very obstinate, the contents were exposed to view. Beck was much disgusted to find a lot of sweets, which he could not eat. However, the incident caused a lot of fun, and that made up for the disappointment.

fishing competition added to the afternoon's enjoyment. There were no rules to bother about, and Beck was once more in the limelight. His catch was-one bloater.

The return journey was made soon after seven and camp was reached, all present and correct. The members were agreed that it was one of the most pleasant days they had ever spent, and that this was largely due to C.S.M. Rogers, in whose capable hands the whole arrangements had been left and who had so ably carried them out.

10th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. WOOD MARTYN (Commanding).

The first week in April found the Battalion busily occupied on the resters Hill, Aldershot on a trenching scheme. Fortunately the Forresters Hill, Aldershot on a trenching scheme. Fortunately the weather was kind, and although the work was hard, it was enjoyed by all ranks. In the middle of the week we felt very proud of ourselves on completing a 13 mile march at night after the usual day's work. We just managed to stumble into bed at about 2,30 in the morning but at reveille we were "ready, aye ready" for more digging. The

week closed with a Brigade Field Day on the Saturday. Soon we were up to our necks in work again. The first dose was a

Divisional Field Day, followed by a night in the Long Valley doing "Outpost Duty." Night operations proved to be rather chilly, and the wind was none too kind, but, as usual, we survived to partake of a sumptuous breakfast at dawn.

At the end of this week the Battalion went into the trenches and experienced its first dose of this original mode of existence. We were quite favourably impressed, and thought starlights, patrols, bombing parties, and the like very good fun. After a night and a day in the trenches we were relieved, and retired to spend the next night in the open. Early on the Saturday morning we took part as "supports" in a big attack, and watched our first line make a gas attack with interest.

On the 26th April we were inspected by His Majesty the King on Laffans Plain. We were pleased to see with the King Field Marshal Vis-count French and General Sir A. Hunter.

On the following day we took part in a Divisional route march. We covered about 15 miles, but the heat was unusually oppressive, and some of us felt we should have been equipped with pith helmets and shorts!

11th BATTALION.

LIEUT .- COLONEL A. F. TOWNSHEND (Commanding).

Yes! We have seen great times. First there were marches long marches short, and counter marches! Later a real Royal review!! Each a success? Why, we came out splendidly every time.

Work and play, for quite excellent entertainments have been arranged, and our sports will be the very best the Battalion has ever had!

Our old instructors R.S.M. Goulds and C.S.M.'s Hayley and Johnson are here with us, and the benefit of their wide experience is at the services of all.

Our dear friend's place at the head of B Company has been taken by an experienced leader, Captain Culley; yet we miss Captain Vigers, whom we left in hospita, where he is reported to be doing well.

Every "section" is hard at work, all are anxious to do the very best for the credit of all concerned.

DEPOT.

Some weeks ago a circular letter from the War Office was received by all Some weeks ago a circular letter from the War Office was received by all re-employed officers on the retired list, drawing pensions, notifying them that they would gradually be replaced by officers on the Active List returned from the front who would otherwise have to be placed on half pay. Consequent on this, Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Rowe has received orders to hand over the command of the Depot, to the great regret of the Regiment, and especially those who have been serving under him. His successor is Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Iremonger, late 2nd in command of the 8th Suffolks, and formerly a Major in the Durham Light Infantry.

20th BATTALION COUNTY OF LONDON REGIMENT.

The following is an extract from the official story of Loos. It has been prepared in the Historical Section of the Committee of Imperial Defence, from such Official Records as are at present available, and published in "The Times" of May 20th, 1916. It will be read with interest by many; for the 20th Battalion London Regiment was originally formed from our 2nd and 3rd Volunteer Battalions.

This Battalion now belongs to the 47th Division, and its Base Depot is commanded by Colonel Moore, C.B., who formerly commanded our 3rd Vol. Batt. and afterwards the 20th Battalion.

"On the right the 20th (Blackheath and Woolwich) pushing through the 18th secured in succession an enclosure South of Loos, known as "the Carden City and then a Chell Bit near the Southern and of the

"the 18th secured in succession an enclosure South of Loos, known as "the Garden City, and then a Chalk Pit, near the Southern end of the "lower slag head, in which they captured a couple of field guns. "Through all the fluctuations of the subsequent fighting, the 47th "Division maintained their ground unflinchingly; the defensive flank "they had been detailed to secure was never a source of anxiety. Indeed, "on the 27th May, they were able to improve their position. The 23rd "London, aided by Bombers from the 17th, 19th and 20th, made a dash-"ing attack and cleared the Germans out of a copse from which their "snipers had been given trouble."

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The following is taken from the "Times" of May 20th :-

SCIENCE OF SNIPING.

HOW THE WEST KENTS PREVAILED.

Major-General Lord Cheylesmore, presiding yesterday at the Spring general meeting of the National Rifle Association, said that it was not likely there would be any Bisley Meeting this year, but he hoped they might look forward to a successful meeting next year.

The war had vindicated the policy of the association in the past. They had always contended that it was absolutely necessary to produce expert marksmen and individual shots, but they were told that they would never be required again. The Germans had shown what the individual shot could do. Many gallant men had been lost owing to snipers.

Lord French, General Dixon, General Egerton, and the American Military Attaché had all expressed their appreciation of what was being done at Bisley, and the Association had been asked to send eight officers and 16 noncommissioned officers to act as instructors at the sniping camps at the front.

Colonel Langford Lloyd, speaking of the value of good sniping, referred to a certain battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment, which took over a line of trenches absolutely dominated by German snipers. The officer was keen on sniping, and the men began at once to develop this branch of fighting on scientific lines—for sniping did not consist only of being a good shot. Within four days the West Kents were top dogs, and it became possible after that to mount weightigh above the trenches. after that to mount waist high above the trenches.

The following is taken from the "Kent Messenger" of 13th May, 1916:—
A pleasant little scene was witnessed at the Maidstone Barracks gate by a privileged few the other day, when Captain W. J. Willis, of the Australian Army Corps, and late of the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, was leaving a though the continuous transfer of the continu leaving after a flying visit.

Captain Willis enlisted in the Royal West Kent Regiment 33 years ago, and went through all the active service with the 1st Battalion during his time, gaining his Distinguished Conduct Medal during the Malakand Expedition for gallant conduct in the field. On retiring from the Regiment with the rank of Captain, after passing through every rank in the service, he settled down in Australia, and on the outbreak of the present war rejoined the service with the Australians. Landing at Anzac, he went through all the hardships during the period of the occupation of the Periods and the hardships during the period of the occupation of the Periods and the period of the occupation of the Periods and the period of the occupation of the Periods and the periods of the periods are the periods of the periods and the periods are the periods are the periods and the periods are the peri hardships during the period of the occupation of the Peninsula, which he only left on its evacuation by the Forces.

After paying his compliments to the officers at the Maidstone Depot' many of whom were old campaigners with him, Captain Willis looked up old friends at the Sergeants' Mess, who were pleased to meet him again, and who, on his departure, escorted him to the barrack gate to hid him a hearty fare-well and God-speed, lustily cheering him as his motor moved off on his return to France, where, with the Anzacs, he will be in proximity to one of the Battalions of the old West Kent Regiment.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster Mills, 6th Battalion, and Sergeant-Major Tapp, 7th Battalion, both of whom are well known in Maidstone, and who were also on leave from France, turned up at the Barracks the same morning, and had the pleasure of meeting their old comrade.

The Regiment will be pleased to learn that Captain Willis has been granted the Honorary Rank of Major.

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Roll of Konour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of June :-

OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

Second-Lieutenant E. R. Bowling. Second-Lieutenant J. K. Ground.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Second-Lieutenant C. P. Wright.

DIED.

Captain F. L. Short.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant N. B. Green. Second-Lieutenant F. L. Lucas.

Second-Lieutenant G. G. Samuel. Second-Lieutenant H. J. Woolley.

Captain F. L. Short joined the 3rd Battalion on August 17th, 1914, and went to the Expeditionary Force on March 15th, 1915, but was invalided home on July 21st, 1915. He was present at the taking of Hill 60, and at the fighting near S. Julien a few days after. He was a most capable officer, and had many friends in the Regiment.

Second-Lieutenant J. K. Ground received his commission in the Regiment on July 15th, from the ranks of the H.A.C., and was wounded while serving with that corps. He was killed on June 20th, when out with a "Wiring Party." He was a capable officer and much liked by all, and is a distinct loss to the Regiment. He was buried close to where he fell, in a spot where others of the Regiment lie.

Second-Lieutenant E. R. Bowling received his commission in July, 1915, having previously served in the ranks of the 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He joined the Expeditionary Force in March, 1916. A keen soldier, he had the making of a very fine officer, and was most popular with all ranks.

No particulars have been received concerning Second-Lieutenant C. P. Wright.

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3778	Pte. R. Farr
5111	LCorpl. G. Harris
6125	Pte. T. Dingle
8638	Corpl. T. Budgen
8885	Pte. H. B. Sims
10763	Pte. G. W. L. Wheeler
10420	Pte. J. Castle
10324	Pte. G. Beadle
10635	Pte. J. Wiggin

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9229	Pte. F. Darke
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7056	Pte. N. Staples
8518	Pte, T. Morgan
3774	Pte. H. Jones
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10191 Pte. J. Fisher
8080 Pte W. Sloman
9704 L.-Corpl. R. Fifield
9354 Pte. T. Mitchell
9443 Pte. T. Mitchell
9443 Pte. T. Strickland
3931 Pte. L. Chapman
6410 Pte. T. Grain
2558 Pte. A. Higgs
3847 Pte. N. Lawrence
1154 Pte. J. Hicks
8008 Pte. G. Alderton
10208 L.-Sergt. G. Honey
10088 L.-Corpl. A. Watson
10314 Pte. J. Hicks
9103 Pte. B. Bates
8464 Pte. A. Clements
9193 Pte. R. F. Colter
9447 Pte. A. Golding
8450 Pte. E. Richmond
9956 Corpl. C. Stevens
8628 Pte. F. Peterson
7076 Pte. J. W. Calow
10752 Pte. J. Hope
9937 Pte. J. Price
11307 Pte. C. Dean
5704 Pte. F. Mitchell
8275 Pte. W. Shipten
8654 Pte. J. Crook
1057 Pte. R. Goward
11025 Pte. S. Clegg
9997 Pt. G. Cushman
10432 Pte. F. Phipps
3160 Pte. A. Saunders
1016 Pt. W. Taylor
9297 Pte. J. Roffe
9718 L.-Corpl. A. Kingsmill
9865 Pte. J. Smith
10969 Pte. G. W. Brown
355 Pte. W. Francis
10493 Pte. J. Hall
4245 Pte. W. Jones Pte. W. Francis
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Pte. G. S. Saffrey
Pte. W. J. Harris
Pte. W. Butler

Pte. C. A. Harris Pte. J. Standen Pte. L. Chapman Pte. G. Read

L.-Sergt. T. Lockie Pte. J. Vousden Pte. W. Bacon Pte. W. Bacon Pte. T. Clegg Pte. T. Cottenham Pte. G. Finch Pte. A. Hope Co. Sergt.-Maj. G. Smith Pte. J. White Pte. E. Baldwin Pte. J. Evans Pte. J. Evans Pte. J. Horogan Pte. G. E. Williams Pte. J. Hartnup Sergt. C. Regis Pte. J. Barry Pte. W. Dick Sergt. G. Gray Pte. T. Adams Pte. T. Adams Pte. J. Briggs Pte. J. Briggs Pte. J. Gilbert L.-Corpl. W. Hardy Pte. J. Gilbert L.-Corpl. W. Hardy Pte. H. Martin Pte. H. Martin Pte. H. Moyce Pte. J. Noble Pte. G. Reynolds Pte. E. Sloan Pte. A. Tomkins Corpl. J. Townsend Pte. G. Waters Sergt. N. Baron Pte. G. Waters Sergt. N. Baron Pte. E. Dryden Pte. E. Dryden Pte. E. Gale L.-Corpl. J. Green Pte. C. Jackson Pte. T. Martin Pte. P. Martindale Pte. P. Newell Pte. A. Page Pte. C. Richmond Pte. G. Stroner 6599 915 3925 6575 3469 4908 4231 11944 1189 4210 11719 4096 1170 4341 10816 1451

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Pte. C. Richmond
Pte. G. Stroner
Sergt. E. Tovey
Pte. V. Valentine

L.-Corpl. S. Webster

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MISSING.

8940 Pte. G. Arnold

PRISONER OF WAR.

2703 Pte. C. Chapman

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW KILLED.

7948 Lance-Corpl. E. Payne

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1419 Pte. J. Lawson

10918 Pte. T. Clegg

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2485 Pte. J. Savage

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

2600 L.-Sergt. F. R. Brown.

PRISONERS AT KUT.

The following Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment are reported from the Base as believed to have been taken prisoners at Kut-el-Amara. Official lists have not yet been received from the Turkish Government:-

Kutel-Amara. Official lists have not yet been received from the Turkish Government:—

Acott. 9540 F.; Airey, 8091 R.; Amess, 8985 W.; Amoss, 9092 J.; Andrews, 8888 J. F.; Andrews, 7326 G.; Angell, 8713 Lance-Corpl. W.; Anscombe, 1960 Lanee-Corpl. E. G.; Ashley, 9335 W.; Atkinson, 9790 J.; Baker, 9190 Sergt. A.; Baker, 9608 T.; Ballard, 8798 R. G.; Barber, 8112 Lance-Corpl. R.; Barden, 8538 H.; Barker, 9179 A.; Barnard, 8560 H.; Barnard, 8873 Sergt. H.; Barry, 8552 J.; Barton. 4878 P.; Batchelor, 8156 Lance-Corpl. J.; Bishop, 2261 F. A.; Blanks, 1687 L.; Bolton, 8531 F. J.; Bond, 566 Lance-Corpl. J.; Bongh, 10309 Lance-Corpl. J.; Bishop, 2261 F. A.; Blanks, 1687 L.; Bolton, 9531 F.; Bough, 5909 Co. Q.M.S. E.; Bongh, 10309 Lance-Corpl. T.; Bradford, 8321 D.; Bradford, 9766 Lance-Corpl. C.; Brightmore, 48617 J.; Briselden, 8496 C.; Brooks, 6289 J.; Brown, 9902 Lance-Corpl. A.; Brown, 9235 F.; Brown, 9352 W.; Burgin, 9579 A.; Burns, 8327 Corpl. J.; Burt, 8991 E.; Burton, 9486 F.; Butler, 9658 J.; Cann, 7886 W.; Card, 6575 E.; Carr, 9207 T.; Carter, 8869 A.; Chalklin, 9322 Lance-Sergt. F.; Champion, 8546 Lance-Sergt. H.; Chapman, 9857 J.; Charman, 9450 Lance-Corpl. W.; Chater, 8961 T.; Cheel, 1440 Lance-Corpl. G.; Cheeseman, 8670 Lance-Corpl. W.; Chater, 8961 T.; Cheel, 1440 Lance-Corpl. G.; Cheeseman, 8670 Lance-Corpl. H. T.; Cooper, 1893 A. H.; Cottreill, 2924 W.; Coultsck, 9538 J.; Cox, 8303 F.; Crook, 9409 W.; Crout, 9309 G.; Cudmore, 9212 S.; Dahner, 9934 Lance-Corpl. G.; Dadds, 8485 Lance-Corpl. H. T.; Caper, 1893 A. H.; Cottreill, 9294 W.; Coultsck, 9535 J.; Cox, 8303 F.; Crook, 9409 W.; Crout, 9309 G.; Cudmore, 9212 S.; Dahner, 9934 Lance-Corpl. W.; Faweit, 9777 H.; Fishenden, 8632 A.; Fisher, 4894 M.; Fisher, 7975 Dmr. R.; Foskett, 9358 G.; Fostall, 2414 L.; Fox, 9055 Lance-Corpl. W.; Faweit, 9777 H.; Fishenden, 8632 A.; Fisher, 4894 M.; Fisher, 7975 Dmr. R.; Foskett, 9358 G.; J.; Godfrey, 9429 G.; Gorman, 8255 W.; Graingor, 9415 W.; Gravett, 8428 A.; Groom, 8912 C.; Grout, 2066 J. G.; Gravett, 8488 Lance-C R.; Rose, 9331 S.; Rose, 9878 W.; Roythorne, 8154 Co. Q.M.S. R.; Scott, 9221 A.; Seeds, 8514 W.; Shand, 8968 J.; Shaw, 9624 F.; Shepherd, 8964 E.; Shrubb, 1410 Lance-Corpl. J.; Shuter, 9053 M.; Slater, 9243 J.; Smith, 8421 F.; Smithers, 9269 F.; Solly, 8530 A.; Sporle, 8619 J. E.; Standing, 9418 F.; Stedman, 8501 Sergt. A.; Tall, 2458 W. A.; Tapp, 6723 Dmr. H.; Taylor, 9676 W.; Teather, 8780 R.; Thomas, 9345 L.; Timpson, 9445 W. H.; Tomlinson, 9289 E.; Towner, 9222 G.; Turner, 9353 F.; Tyler, 1169 Lance-Corpl. L. H.; Uden, 8455 A.; Vallance, 9393 T.; Vallins, 1979 Lance-Corpl. H.; Veale, 9652 J.; Walden, 9664 J.; Ward, 9172 H.; Watson, 9236 J.; Wesborn, 8539 J.; Western, 9887 J.; Whiffen, 1515 W.; White, 8493 J.; Whife, 8880 W.; White, 9177 G.; Willcocks, 9589 Lance-Corpl. F.; Wingrove, 1309 F.

N.B .- All Privates unless otherwise spec fied.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of the following Donations:-

EVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW,	£	s.	d.
J. S. Masterman, Esq.	1	1	0
Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Norman, D.S.O.	0	16	0
Major E. F. Venables	2	0	0
From Sergeants' Mess, 10th Batt., Royal West Kent Regiment	10	0	0
Total£			-

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Twenty-first List of Donations received up to June 22nd, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal;—

	£	S.	d.	
Previously acknowledged	3,799	2	6	
Corpl. A. E. Rodgers	TAL	10	0	
Major W. F. McNeece	10	0	0	
Capt. D. J. Johnston	0.91	1	0	
Capt. C. Druce	5	0	0	
Mrs. Charles Kitson	5.	0	0	
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June 30th Donations received to date Interest on deposit (March 31st)	3,832	12 9	6	1000
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	£	S	d.	
April —Previously expended	1,440		9	3
April 3rd-Corfe & Son	9	13	-6	
April 5th-Petty Cash (Postage, Freight, etc.)	5	0	0	
April 8th-Qr.M.S. McGee (Badges, etc.)		10	0	
April 'Sth-Price's Patent Candle Company			8	
April 8th-R. Dickeson and Co., Ltd	22	14	3	
April 17th—"Kent Messenger"		15	9	
April 22nd—Qr.M.S. McGee (brushes, etc.)	5		8	64
April 29th—R. Dickeson and Co		17	0	
May 4th—A, and N. C S.L	8	Bridge Co.	0	
May 10th—Price's Patent Candle Company	18.	0	1	
May 11th - R. Dickeson and Co		17		
May 10th—Mrs. Hunt	31105			
May 22nd - Sergt. Hotson John J. J. Jan.		-7	. 8	
May 29th-Mrs. L. E. Hunt	5 9	7	4	-
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June 12th Mrs. L. E. Hunt	5	27	0	1
June 12th—Firman and Sons June 14th - J. C. and J. Field, Ltd	1 38 1	11	8	
June 8th-Petty Cash (Postage, Freight, etc.		0	0	27.5
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THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Battalions as specified, viz, :-

June 2nd-1 case safety matches, 1 case curry powder 7th-2 cases Woodbine cigarettes (15,000) 9th-1 case note paper and envelopes

6th BATTALION.

June 2nd-1 case matches, 1 case curry powder 9th-1 case note paper and envelopes

7th BATTALION.

May 29th—1 case soap (acknowledged) 29th—1 case 50 button brushes, 50 polishing brushes, 50 button sticks, 50 tins metal polish, 50 tins brown leather polish (acknowledged)

June 2nd-1 case matches, 1 case curry power 9th-1 case note paper and envelopes

8th BATTALION.

May 29th-1 case soap 29th-2 bales towels (16 dozen)

June 2nd-1 case safety matches, I case curry powder

9th-1 case note paper and envelopes

20 10th BATTALION.

May 29th-1 parcel, 2 footballs, 4 bladders (acknowledged) building a

29th—1 case, 50 black brushes, 50 small brushes, 50 button brushes, 50 button brasses, 50 tins metal polish
30th—1 parcel badges (100) (acknowledged)

June 9th-L case from Mrs. Barrow, containing biscuits, tins of sardines; sweets, etc.

21st-2 bales from the Roan School for Girls containing 36 parcels

DETACHMENT.

May 26th-1 case 5,000 Woodbine cigarettes, 20lbs. tobacco

31st-1 parcel badges (100)

7th-1 case cigarettes and tobacco

8th-1 case matches

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in the

D.S.O. - Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) C. E. Kitson, 2nd Battalion.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

Captain W. Brown, now serving with the Depot Rifle Brigade T.F. at Reading, and who for many years was Sergt,-Major of the 2nd Battalion, received the following letter last December :-

Privy Purse Office, Buckingham Palace, S.W. 14th December, 1915.

I am commanded by the King to convey to you an expression of His Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted you and your five sons to give their services to the Army.

The King was much gratified to hear of the manner in which they have so readily responded to the call of their Sovereign and their country, and I am to express to you and to them His Majesty's congratulations on having contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all the people of the British Empire are so bravely fighting.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) F. M. PONSONBY,

Keeper of the Privy Purse.

William Brown, Esq., Headquarters' Office, Halton Park, Tring.

We append the names of Captain Brown's five sons and one daughter who are now serving their King :-

Robert,

Malcolm.

Anita,

Where serving. How employed before the War Sergeant-Major 1st Batt., Col.-Sergt. I. of M. Col.-Sergt. I. of M. 1st Battalion.

2nd-Lieut., 10th Batt., Jack, T. Joyal.

Assistant Master, Bradford Union. Assistant Controller British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.

*James Ferguson, 2nd-Lieut. 14th Batt., Glos. Regt. Land Estate Agent, San Francisco.

Edward Cecil,

Lieut. i/c Workshops M.T., A.S.C.

Capt. 121st Batt. Canadian Inf.

Sister S. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.

Engineer Apprentice. Nurse, S. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.

*This officer was wounded last month, but is progressing satis' factorily.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment have been mentioned in despatches by the General Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in France:

(c) Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O.

(b) Major (Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O. Major (Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) J. T. W. Fiennes.

Major A. K. Grant, D.S.O.

(c) Major (Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) E. H. Norman, D.S.O. Captain W. Newton. Captain (Temporary Major) W. F. MacNeece, R.F.C. Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) W. R. A. Dawson, D.S.O.

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) W. J. Alderman 8234 Sergeant S. G. Bishopsem bas band oberell s. I-an-

6590 Corporal (Acting Sergeant) W. Robinson. G537 Private W. Fuller.

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(c) Captain (Temporary Lieut.-Colonel) H. W. Snow, D.S.O. Captain W. H. Annesley. Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) J. C. Cooke.

This officer has been mentioned three times.

These officers have been mentioned twice.

Also the following officers, N. C.O.'s and men of the 20th County of London Regiment, which was formed from our and and 3rd Volunteer Battalions :--

Lieut.-Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) A. B. Hubback.

Captain (Temporary Major) E. J. Dolphin. attack bas add n

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) G. Williams. Rily et 11 Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) J. J. Bell.

Second Lieutenant and Adjutant (Temporary Captain) C.

W. Clout. 1184 Lance-Sergeant J. Hirst.

1243 Private C. Prisley.

The undermentioned officer of the Regiment has been mentioned in despatches by the General Officer Commanding he Forces in Egypt :-

Captain R. B. L. Bazley-White, attached Egyptian Army.

The undermentioned officer, who formerly served in the Regiment, has been mentioned in despatches by the Commander-in-Chief in India in connection with the operations near

Major (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) C. R. Bradshaw, oth Ghurkas.

RESULTS OF LOOS OFFENSIVE.

The following extract from the account of the fighting around Loos in September and October, 1915, which has been prepared in the historical section of the Committee of Imperial Defence, from such official records as are at present available, is taken from the "Times" of June 26th, 1916 ;-"On September 26th the Germans had made good use of

their occupation of Bois Hugo; they had brought up machine guns and were able to pour a damaging enfilade fire into the right flank of the 72nd Brigade, inflicting heavy casualties. . By this time the attack of the 24th Division had been repulsed. Its leading battalions, the 8th Royal West Kent on the left and the 9th East Surrey on the right, had advanced steadily and successfully, despite heavy enfilade fire from Hulluch and Bois Hugo. Well supported by the 8th Queen's and the 8th Buffs, they pushed forward across the Lens-La Bassée Road and made their way up to the wire in front of the German trenches, but only to find it practically intact. Unable to get through the wire, and with nearly all their officers down, the 72nd Brigade had to fall back, suffering terribly from artillery fire. At the Lens-La Bassée Road a stand was made which enabled a good many of the wounded to be got in, but the supporting battalion of the 71st Brigade had come under very heavy fire, the enemy using gas shells freely, so that their attempt to renew the attack broke down."

"On October 8th the only point along the line where things had not gone well was at that part of gun trench where the Germans had established themselves on September 30th. Here the 6th Royal West Kent, of the 12th Division, made a very fine attack, but after gaining ground at first were in the end ousted by bombers and driven back to their original position."

IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Hannan, late Sergeant-Drummer of the 2nd Battalion. He enlisted in August, 1870, and was promoted Sergeant-Drummer in 1883, and retired on pension in 1891. Later he served as Sergeant-Drummer in the 4th Battalion East Surrey Regiment for 11 years, and was a member of the Corps of Commissionaires for 20 years. He died at Clapham on June 1st. He has two sons serving in the Regiment, one being a Company Sergt.-Major in the 1st Battalion and the other a Corporal in the 2nd Battalion.

It is with deep regret that we also have to record the death, on May 28th, of another ex-Sergeant-Drummer of the and Battalion, Mr. B. Inglis, assistant clerk in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai. He left the Regiment about ten years ago, and served in the Police until transferred to the Supreme Court. He was also Sergeant-Drummer in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. He made a large number of friends, and his death is much regretted by all who knew him.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. PAID IN JUNE.

Mrs. Henn, to December, 1916; A. E. Horne, to April, 1917; Corporal Rodgers, to December, 1917; Mr. E. Nichols, to December, 1916; Major McNecce, to May, 1917; Mrs. Snelgrove, to April, 1917; Lieut.-Colonel Snow, D.S.O., to December, 1917; Captain Johnston, to June, 1917; Miss Huggan, to December, 1916; Mrs. Hamilton Benn, to May, 1917; Mrs. Kitson, to August, 1917; Captain C. H. Wild, to May, 1917; J. A. Graham Wigan, to June, 1917; Lieut.-Colonel E. H. Norman, D.S.O., to June, 1917; Mrs. Robb, to Jan., 1917; Major E. F. Venables, to June, 1917; also, e. donation of £5 from Officer Commanding 1st Battalion. also & donation of £5 from Officer Commanding 1st Battalion.

ENEMY HELD AT BAY FOR 48 HOURS BY A PARTY OF THE ROYAL WEST KENTS.

Just as we are going to press the following official report is published :-

"In Trones Wood we relieved a party of the Royal West Kent Regiment who, separated from our own troops in the recent fighting and surrounded by Germans, had gallantly held out in the northern end of the wood for forty-eight hours."

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following officers on the Reserve are now employed as under:-Colonel R. C. Style, sick leave, Temp. Brigadier-General.

Major J. P. Dalison, Second in Command, Depot, Hon. Lieut.-Colonel. Major A. W. Martyn, Commanding 10th Batt., Temp. Lieut.-Colonel.

Major E. V. O. Hewett, C.M.G., Commanding 6th Batt. S. Wales Borderers, Temp. Lieut.-Colonel.

Major E. F. Venables, Commanding Trade Test Centre, Southern Command, Portsmouth.

Major T. P. C. Smith, A.D.S.O., Cavalry Corps.

Major W. J. Willis, Quartermaster, 21st Batt. Australian Infantry.

Captain C. V. Molony, with 12th Batt., Temp. and Hon. Major.

Captain C. Druce, Garrison Adjutant, Tidworth.

Captain G. Elgood, D.A.A.G. on A.G.'s and Q.M.G.'s Staff.

Captain H. W. Snow, D.S.O., A.A.G., 3rd Army, Temp. Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain P. A. Wilson, Commanding 5th Divisional School.

Captain W. H. Annesley, D.A.Q.M.G., 15th Division.

Captain A. H. Pullman, D.S.O., Commanding S. of I. for N.C.O.'s, temp

Lieut. W. Wilberforce, Lieutenant 3rd Battalion

RETIRED OFFICERS NOW EMPLOYED.

Brig.-General E. A. Grove, C.B., Commanding No. 7 District. Colonel C. E. Harrison, Commanding No. 1 Infantry Base Depot.

Colonel G. W. Maunsell, Commanding Rest Camp.

Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Crosse, M.V.O., Staff Officer N.R.A. School of Musketry, Bisley.

Major A. T. Morse, Special Employ, Staff Lieutenant, 1st Class. Major O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Batt., Temp. Lieut.-Colonel.

Major L. B. Hollinshead, Second in Command 8th Batt., Wounded and Missing.

Major F. W. Burbury, Commanding 24th Batt. Rifle Brigade, Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major T. T. Burt, Second in Command, 9th Batt., Hon. Lieut,-Colonel.

Major R. J. Roche, Quartermaster Depot Royal Fusiliers.

Major E. W. Brown, Quartermaster, Depot Border Regiment.

Major J. Couch, Quartermaster, Depot.

Captain J. H. Kennedy, Recruiting Officer, Norfolk.

Captain H. C. W. Beeching. 9th Battalion, Temp. Major.

Captain J. Lees, Adjutant. Rest Camp,

Lieut. R. H. Eccles, Adjutant, Depot.

Lieut. D. P. Forestier Walker, Depot, Temp. Captain.

Lieut. E. J. Hudson, Adjutant No. 1 Infantry Base Depot, Temp. Captain.

Lieut. W. M. Ogle, Captain 3rd Batt., with 1st Batt.

Lieut. R. B. Hope, Captain 3rd Batt. E. Surrey Regiment.

Lieut. P. S. Hall, Second in Command 17th Batt. West York Regiment, Temp. Major.

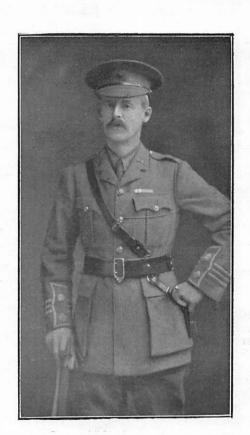
Lieut. R. A. Paget, 24th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, Temp. Captain.

Lieut. J. C. Cooke, Brigade Major, - Brigade, Temp. Captain.

2nd Lieut. C. de C. Middleton, 8th Batt., Temp. Captain, Wounded and

2nd Lieut. R. L. Hoare, Lieutenant, 12th C. of London Regiment.

2nd Lieut. G. S. T. Fenning, 2nd Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Temp. 2nd Lieutenant.



Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Battalion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell, Commanding 9th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Commanding 7th Battalion.

We acknowledge with thanks the sum of Five Pounds from the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion as a Donation to the Funds of this paper,

The Editor desires to draw the attention of Battalion Correspondents to the two following orders:

(1) The list of casualties must give no particulars either of the theatre of war in which the casualty occurred or of the battalion to which the officer or man belonged.

(2) No record containing information regarding the movement, actions, and situations of Battalions that have occurred within six months of the date of publication is to be included in Regimental Journals and Magazines.

Particulars above referred to should not, therefore, be mentioned in correspondence from the Battalion, and no obituary notices can be published under the heading of "Battalion News."

An Army Order has also been issued by which officers and men are forbidden, without special authority, to publish any article, whether purporting to be fiction or fact, which in any way deals with the war or with military subjects. All matter, therefore, that is sent to us from the various Battalions will have to be submitted by the Editor to the Press Bureau, and this may somewhat delay the publication of this paper. The Editor will be grateful if all correspondence from Battalions at home (and, when practicable, from Battalions abroad) can be submitted in duplicate, and typewritten, on one side of the paper only, and signed.

We welcome the appearance of "The War Dragon," the Regimental Gazette of "The Buffs." It is needless to say that everything connected with "The Buffs" has a special interest for "The Queen's Own." The First Battalions of both Regiments served together at Punniar in 1845, and with the Malakand Field Force in 1897. The Territorial Battalions have always been closely connected with each other, and now our 6th, 7th, and 8th Battalions have the corresponding Battalions of the Buffs in the same Brigade with them. Our 2/4th Battalion is also half Buffs, a source of great pride to us. Our First Battalion also gratefully remembers the generous hospitality accorded to them by the 1st Buffs on their arrival at Peshawar in February, 1897.

The Editor is anxious to publish a roll of all Warrant Officers, N.C.O's and men who have been granted Commissions since the commencement of the War. He will, therefore, be glad to receive any information that will enable him to compile this roll. The following particulars should be given:—

(1) Former rank.

(2) Whether serving on August 4th, 1914, and with which

(3) If not serving on that date, the date of discharge, and from which Battalion; as well as the date of re-enlistment, and to which Battalion he was posted.

(4) Date on which he obtained his commission.

5) Present rank.

(6) The Battalion in which he is now serving.

COLONEL A. T. F. SIMPSON, V.D.

Colonel Simpson has been appointed to the command of the 3/4th Battalion, vice Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, T.D., who has been transferred to the command of the 3/5th Battalion.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR E. A. H. ALDERSON, K.C.B.

Lieut.-General Alderson has been appointed Inspector-General of the Canadian Forces. He had the honour of being received by the King on June 8th.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

Brigadier-General Martyn has been appointed to the command of a Training Centre.

COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY, C.B.

The marriage of Colonel Pedley to Mary Lèonie (May) eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Munster, of 43, Onslow Gardens, S.W., and Bloomfield, Keymer, took place on Thursday, July 6th, at the Brompton Oratory.

CAPTAIN W. R. A. DAWSON, D.S.O.

The following is taken from the "Daily Telegraph" of June 17. It is from an account by Mr. Philip Gibbs of the fine work of the 12th Division:—"There were many men like that who do gallant things and, in the English way, think nothing of them. Of that modesty is Captain Aufrere Dawson, of the Royal West Kents, who did not bother much about a bullet he met on his way to a crater, though it travelled through his chest to his shoulder-blade. He had it dressed, and then went back to lead his men, and remained with them until the German night attack was repulsed. He was again wounded, this time in the thigh, but did not trouble the stretcher men (they had a lot to do on the night of March 18-19), and trudged back alone."

MR. HYDE'S PICTURE.

The following letter from the Officer Commanding Is Battalion, has been forwarded to us for publication by Major General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B.;—

23rd June, 1916.

My Dear General,

On behalf of the Officers of the 1st Battalion, I write to thank you, Colonel Brock, Colonel Maunsell, Brigadier-General Style, and Brigadier-General Martyn for so generously presenting the picture of the Battalion in action at Neuve Chapelle to the Officers of the 1st Battalion.

Although there are only a few officers who belong to the Battalion actually serving with it, I am sure I am speaking for all those serving with other Battalious, on the staff, etc., when I say how much we appreciate the gift, and how we shall value the picture.

I also agree that the best place for the picture at present is the Depot, and am glad that it is hung in the Recreation Room where it can be seen by the men.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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The following article is taken from "The Times" of June 15th:-

STOCK-TAKING. MR. TRIM AND MR. VIRTUE.

(From a Correspondent).

Stock-taking we had pictured to ourselves as indulged in behind shop shutters by feverish and perspiring young men in frock coats. Now we find it also a military exercise in which we have to take part, and a very curious and whimsical one it is. In the morning a stock sheet is put before us comprising a number of articles described in a perverted and cryptic nomenclature. These articles we have to count to-day, and if we count a similar number every day, except Sundays, a rather depressed and cynical foreman calculates that we may possibly finish the task in a year. Our part of the work is comparatively light; we merely stand by in an Olympian manner and count, but before that stage is reached mere labouring hinds have been busy stacking and restacking, burrowing under tarpaulins, and climbing to the top of dizzy and wavering piles, arraying the stores in order for our review.

MILITARY STORES.

When all is ready we set out on our expedition together with our staunch friends and props, Mr. Trim and Mr. Virtue; these are not exactly their names, but very nearly so, and will serve to describe their coruscating qualities. They know all the storehouses and their contents, as Mowgli knew the rukh. They know not only the name of every article, but its complex and ignoble pedigree; how it was returned by such and such a regiment, from such and such a camp, together with 17 nose-bags (we call them bags nose), three unserviceable hair brushes, and a chair with one leg broken. Mr. Virtue regards his stores with a kind of cheerful vindictiveness. To him they are not inanimate objects. "Oh, there you are, are you, my gentleman," he says, as he catches sight of an inoffensive scrubbing brush, trying to hide itself in a corner, "and what business have you got up there? You see if I don't have you out of it." He loeks with savage glee upon the row of spotless, virgin little sponges arranged in rows before his table, soon to be swallowed by the maw of that huge vat that is to bear them off to a hospital. The more he can send out to do their duty in a hard and busy world the greater his joy. Mr. Trim looks at the stores with rather a gentler and a sadder eye. In the course of years he has seen so many jolly young plates and soup basins go forth in all their coxcombry of youth. They have been sent to rough soldiers, who break them, and mendactons quartermasters, who allege that they have been broken in transit, so that he sees in each one of them the haunting possibility of an interminable correspondence.

The work, as we have said, is made easy for us; yet merely to count is not so simple as it appears. Here, for example, are a number of

small objects closely resembling brass collar-studs. They are, in fact, "bandolier equipment pattern nineteen hundred and blank studs brass steadying blank rounds with washers." Or take again broom-handles neatly done up in bundles of 50. We begin counting round the outside edge and are lost in no time; we begin again from the inside, working outwards, and by the time we have got to 15 the hateful little round heads swim and dance before our eyes. But to the eye of Mr. Trim they appear to sort themselves into mosaics, and his experienced finger flies along them with incredible speed and certainty. It is a relief to come upon a pile of straightforward pieces of wood, suggesting the use of a rolling pin. These we can count, and yet here too is disappointment. They—are so unworthy of their bloodthirsty title, "Blocks chopping married soldiers."

ECCLESIASTICAL CHAIRS.

It is indeed one of the constant humiliations of stock-taking that we can so seldom recognise the stock. On the day on which we are going to deal with chairs we set out full of hope. Years of military training cannot be necessary to the identification of a chair. "Chairs arm easy leather-covered," we read on the sheet, and there straight before our eyes is the very thing. It is a chair: it has arms: it is upholstered in stl of ste pur 'laqueof poal easiness, it looks like Mr. Roker's narvotic bed-stead; we should "think that poppies was nothing to it." "Well," we say, with jaunty confidence, "there's no doubt what that is, anyhow." "No, no, Sir," replies Mr. Virtue, betraying momentarily something like impatience. "That's in a different section altogether. That a 'chair library local pattern." After that we give it up altogether, go where we are taken and count what we are told. Dazed and docile we follow our leader into another storehouse, where long vistas and avenues of furniture stretch in every direction—"chairs windsor" and "chairs officers." the latter peculiarly hard and uninviting; gimcracky "chairs bentwood," that intertwine their straw-clad legs so that it is impossible to count them; repulsive little cabinets, with floral ornaments in beaten metal, that are supposed to appeal to the taste of nursing sisters. Here our particular quarry consists of two "chairs ecclesiastical." The pile of furniture overhangs us, a frowning craggy precipice, and there appears to be no way up it and no sign of any but a strictly undenominational chair. Suddenly Mr. Virtue, after shading his eyes with his hand, seems to catch sight of something in the distance. "I knew you were somewhere," he exclaims. The next moment or two take our breath away. Mr. Virtue seizes an iron bar high over his head, swings himself like a gymnast on to a jutting ledge, and climbs from peak to peak. He disappears. Oh, horrors! He has fallen into a crevasse. No, he is safe, and the next moment we see him "high in the stainless eminence of air,"

:: News from the Battalions. ::

2nd BATTALION.

LIEUT .- COLONEL R. J. WOULFE-FLANAGAN (Commanding).

The fall of Kut came as a great disappointment but not as a surprise, in fact the defenders seemed more hopeful than the force which was attempting to relieve them. We have heard many stories of the hardships they endured and you will probably soon be able to publish some first-hand evidence, for I believe the Turks are very considerate in dealing with prisoners of war. A week ago we heard the garrison had left for Bagdad, and it is said they will go to Anatolia—a province in Asia Minor, nearly opposite Constantinople.

As far as can be ascertained our numbers were six officers and 305 other ranks. From the time of the retirement from Cetsiphon until General Townsend announced his investment we received practically no official news from the Wing, so it is impossible to say definitely who were actually in Kut at the time of its surrender, although every effort has been made to make the list as accurate as possible. It is believed Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O., was also in Kut.

Though somewhat belated, we offer our heartiest congratulations to the following Officers who received honours for the Nasiriyah operations:—Colonel S. H. Pedley, C.B.; Major C. E. Kitson, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel; Major J. W. Nelson, D.S.O.; Lieut. A. G. Balbernie, Military Cross; Captain F. A. Robinson (R.A.M.C.), Military Cross; also to Captain O. Y. Hibbert on his D.S.O. earned on the Staff.

3rd BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. D. BARROW (Commanding).

The principal event of the past month has been an inspection of the Battalion by General Egerton, which was unfortunately somewhat marred by the inclement weather.

General Egerton first inspected the Battalion as a whole, and then viewed the Companies separately engaged in different work. The inspection was of a very careful and searching nature, and we have good reason to believe that the Inspecting Officer was well pleased with all he saw.

Two cricket matches have been played.

In the early part of the month the Officers met the Drums, and after a keenly contested game the Officers proved successful by the narrow margin of 5 runs. Score;—Officers 86; Drums 81.

On June 10th we played the Royal West Surreys, but the weather proved unkind and prevented a definite decision being reached. Batting first, our opponents compiled 169, our most successful bowler being: 2nd Lieut. Clarabut (with four for 21) and 2nd Lieut. Sewell. On the whole our fielding was good. Opening for us, 2nd Lieut. Denton and Corporal Falkner played very free cricket, scoring 53 runs without being separated, when the rain put a stop to play.

We shall look forward to the return match with interest.

During the month a large draft of Officers left us, to complete their training in France. Many of them have been with us for some time and will be much missed.

We welcome the return of Major Allfrey from the Manchester Regiment, who now takes over the duties of Second-in-Command of the Battalion, and Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., who has joined the Battalion for light duty, and hope that the bracing air of Fort Darland will soon restore him to health again.

2nd Lieut. Coltman rejoined from the Royal Flying Corps and 2nd Lieut. Hallowes from sick leave.

On the 4th June, 1916, Brigadier F. D. Lumley, C.B., attended Church Parade and afterwards presented the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Russian Medal of St. George, 2nd Class, to No. G/241 Sergeant J. Young

A large number of recruits have been recently drafted to the Battalion, and the Recruit Training Companies are working at high pressure. The great majority of these recruits are a fine stamp of man and their training is progressing very rapidly.

On Saturday, July 1st, a most pleasant break in the arduous routine work of training was provided when the Sergeants' Mess were "at home" to the Royal Engineers.

The preliminary arrangements were in the capable hands of R.Q.M.S. Kingham, who was assisted in the catering by Mrs. Kingham, Mrs. Brockett, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Dorrell. 'These ladies acquitted themselves admirably, and their efforts were manifestly appreciated.

The Regimental Band was in attendance, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Barrow; and during the afternoon performed an admirable programme arranged by Mr. Davis.

The tennis, considering the wind, was of a high level, and R.S.M. Kallend and Sergt M. C. Dorrell worthily upheld the credit of the regiment. A little dancing on the lawn varied the proceedings, and then tea was welcomed by the children.

The arrival of the good news from the Front further added to the gaiety of the party, and the kindly spirit of the visiting officers also aided in the making of a successful afternoon of which R.Q.M.S. Kingham may well be proud.

8th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. PARKER (Commanding).

The whole of the correspondence from this Battalion has been censored.

9th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J. DANIELL (Commanding).

The work of training goes on apace every day and all day, and with our one aim in view of preparing good and efficient drafts for overseas, we are at it from early morning till evening, and frequently at night as well.

All ranks work at the training with the same heartiness and goodwill as hitherto and with excellent results. . Recently we have sent out drafts to certain Battalions, and, from the training they have had, should render a good account of themselves.

The Band has recently had engagements at X—, on Sunday, May 28th, and also on Saturday, June 10th, and Sunday, June 11th, playing on the sea front on each occasion. It also played at Y— from Saturday, June 17th, to Sunday, June 25th.

A representative from Messrs. Bassano paid us a visit a few days ago, and photographed a group of the Officers, and also one of the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants, and Sergeants of the Battalion. The photographer seemed to get somewhat annoyed with the sun, which we, however, are always so glad to welcome. and we hope the result will be

In accordance with a recent order, our men have been busy in the evenings cultivating the ground between the huts, and some thousands of cabbage, kale, and lettuce plants, etc., have been planted. Many huts also have their flower borders. Our Kent and Sussex men, we hear, contemplate growing hops, provided the R.E.'s will put up an oast. If so, we shall be able to brew our own beer.

A Memorial Service was held in the Camp Church on Tuesday, June 13th, for Lord Kitchener and those who perished with him on H.M.S. Hampshire, and the heroes who fell in the Naval Battle, May 31st-June 1st. The arrangement was that 100 men from each Battalion of the Brigade and 200 men from the Depot should attend the service in Church. Any other men who wished to attend stood outside the Church. The music was provided by the Bands of the Royal West Kent Regiment and the Depot. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Hales (Senior Chaplain to the Forces). He was assisted by the Rev. •C. M. Tower (Vicar). Three other Chaplains to the Forces were also present.

The service was most impressive, and the singing was reverently and earnestly joined in by the troops. The music, and especially the Dead March in "Saul," was very well rendered by the Bands.

"Last Post" was sounded outside the Church, followed by the "Rouse," which struck a note of hopefulness.

We all unite in most hearty congratulations to Lieut. H. Evans, our Quartermaster, on his name appearing in the recent list of those who have been "Mentioned in Despatches," and also to Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Mills attached from 8th Battalion on the notification that he has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Also to Lieut. I. Le M. Croll (General List), on his recent promotion to the rank of Captain.

CRICKET.

A "two evening" match was played recently between the Orderly Rooms and the Rest of the Battalion. The latter, by way of working off old grudges, kept the Orderly Rooms on the trot all over the field all the first and part of the second evenings, and took tea with the howlers to the tune of about 290 runs, and then most unfairly put on some fast and some curly bowlers, and the stumps were too wide apart, and the bats not wide enough, so the innings came to a glorious end for the fine

total of-(You must ask the scorer). At one time, when "The Rest" were in, the match looked like continuing for the duration of the war. The Orderly Rooms, generally so straight-forward in their dealings, were supposed to have some extra men at the end of their innings, but all to no avail, and out they came.

The Cricket Team of the Battalion journeyed to Southwark Park, to again play the local XI, on behalf of the Princess Club Hospital for Wounded and the "Comfort Fund" of the Royal West Kent Regiment. It for the same purpose. On this occasion the affair realised £37, but the match on June 3rd, 1916, has realised over £100, a wonderful result match on June 3rd, 1916, has realised over £100, a wonderful result when one considers that—with a few exceptions—only pennies were collected. An exceptionally large crowd had gathered when the Locals commenced batting to the bowling of Sergeant C. Bolter and C.Q.M.S. Matthes. The former soon obtained a wicket—and the crowd quite enjoyed the "joke" when C.Q.M.S. Matthes bowled his father with a "beauty." E. Richardson and B. Newman batted very well together and "beauty." E. Richardson and B. Newman batted very well together and took the score to 80 before being separated. The remaining batsmen did not trouble the bowlers, and the whole side were dismissed for 115. C.Q.M.S. Matthes, who seemed to relish his "local green" took six for 43; Lieut. Hough took three for 39. The Kents lost Lieut. Brown (smartly stumped by Tyler), Corpl. Taylor and Sergeant Purfield very early—but with Lieut. Hough and Lieut. Thomson together the spectators were treated to some really fine batting. The formerly was particularly brilliant—while the latter hit merrily until being stumped when he had reached 40. This highly pleased a member of the fair sex, whose collecting box was increased by 40d.—a 1d. per each run. The arrival of Lieut, Troughton caused the crowd to become more excited for the collecting box was increased by 40d.—a ld. per each run. The arrival of Lieut. Troughton caused the crowd to become more excited, for the popular Captain of the Kents quite rose to the occasion. He received a great ovation from a very pleased crowd on his departure, when at 49. The total was 187 for nine when stumps were drawn. The match was graced with the presence of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, who was accompanied by Sir Philip Gregory, J. Hart, J.P. (Mayor) and Councillor C. Tunn. During the afternoon Miss Kitty Colyer (the well-known pursic ball article) attended and aided by the P. S.M. scaled at 191. cillor C. Tunn. During the alternoon Miss Kitty Colyer (the well-known music hall artiste) attended, and, aided by the R.S.M., collected £3 19s. 10\frac{1}{2}d. in under two hours. This was the highest amount collected, and thanks are due both to Miss Colyer and the R.S.M. for their hard work. By the way, the Sergeants' Mess now proudly boasts of an autograph photo kindly sent by Miss Colyer. Great praise is due to the popular Bandmaster (Mr. J. W. D. Hunt) and the Band of the Royal West Kents for the charming music they repulged during the affermach. the charming music they rendered during the afternoon-in fact, one did not know whether to listen to the Band or watch the cricket. Both the Committee of the Fund and the Regimental side wish to thank Lieut. Colonel O. J. Daniell for again allowing the Cricket Team to meet the Southwark Park XI. and also for kindly granting permission for the Band to attend. The result accrued must be very gratifying to all concerned. During the evening the Mayor paid a high tribute to the sporting nature of Lieut. Colonel O. J. Daniell for allowing the Team to again, bein in the cause of Charity and also the Officers and again help in the cause of Charity and also the Officers and men who assisted at the match.

SOUTHWARK PARK XI.

W. Matthes (captain) b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 15
F. Cooper c and b Sergt, Bolter	. 0
E. Richardson b Lieut, Hough	. 46
A. Campbell c and b Sergt. Bolter	
B. Newman b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 23
R. Warnes b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 6
A. Tummer b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 23
W. Stevens b C.C.M.S. Matthes	. 0
W. Stevens b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 0
E. Brown b C.Q.M.S. Matthes	. 6
F. Tyler not out	11
J. Cullen c and b Lieut, Hough	0
F. Seaton b Lieut, Hough	4
R. Cullen run out	1
Extras	
	110

9th R.W.KENT REGIMENT XI.

Lieut, Brown, st., b Cullen	8
Lieut, Hough b Cullen	
Corporal Taylor b Cullen	7
Sergeant Purfield b Cullen	2
Lieut. Thomson st., b Campbell	40
Lieut. Troughton (captain) b Richardson	
Sergeant Bolter ct., b Richardson	
C.Q.M.S. Matthes not out	
Sergeant Clark st., b Richardson	3
Sergeant Hill b Tummer	13
Extras	12
	-187*

*For nine wickets. Lieut. Smith, Sergt. Jefferson and Lance-Corpl. Travers did not bat.

10th BATTALION

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. WOOD-MARTYN (Commanding).

When we wrote last work was not very strenuous and there were many diversions to attract us in our spare time. On May 22nd "B" Company held a sports meeting in the evening and spent a very jolly two hours watching and taking part in races, bomb throwing contests. wrestling, and the like. At the close three hearty cheers were given for the Officers, who had very kindly arranged the meeting and given liberal prizes.

Other Companies followed the initiative of "B," and many enjoyable hours were spent. On other evenings the band thoughtfully visited the various Companies and we were able to promenade to the time of 'Gilbert the Filbert."

We were very sorry to lose, during this last month, Captains Wild and Wallis, both of whom have taken Staff appointments. We wish them good luck in their new spheres of work.

11th BATTALION

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. F. TOWNSHEND (Commanding).

Our "Empire Day Sports" were a great success. Starting at 10 a.m. and continuing all day, there was a continual round of enjoyment. Dinner and tea were provided on the ground, and the roll of officials shows how thoroughly everything was done:—Judges, Lieut.-Colonel Townshend, Majors Corfe and Heron, Captain Simmonds, Dickinson and Townshend, Majors Corfe and Heron, Captain Simmonds, Dickinson and Culley; starter, Captain G. F. Prognell; assistant starters, 2nd Lieuts. Mansfield and Cooksey; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Lieut. A. W. Puttick; Assistant Hon. Secretary, C.S.M. Johnson; Stewards, Captain Hilditch, Lieuts. Roberts and Puttick, 2nd Lieuts. Henderson, Allen and Heath, R.S.M. Goulds, C.S.M.'s Johnson, Hayley, Smith, Judge, Jenkins, and Gilliot; Battalion Mess Committee, 2nd Lieut. Allen, C.S.M. Hayley, Q.M.S. Bernard and Sergt. Finch; Grounds Committee, Captain Solbé, 2nd Lieut. Rogers, C.S.M. Judge and Sergt. Marshall; Concert Committee, Captain Hilditch, 2nd Lieut. Henderson, C.Q.M.S. Germer, and Acting C.Q.M.S. Pridie. Events:—

Long Jump—1 Pte, J. A. Dunmore, "D"; 2 Corpl. C. Stevens, "B," 440 Yards—1 Pte. P. V. Webber, "B"; 2 Pte. C. Gotsell, "A"; 3 Pte. W. S. Weston, "D."
High Jump—1 Pte. W. Nightingale, "D"; 2 Sergt. Baynes "B."

High Jump—1 Pte. W. Nightingale, "D"; 2 Sergt. Baynes, "B." Relay Race—16 Platoon, "D" Company (Ptes. Sanders, Howe, Coupe and parsham) were winners.

Tug of War—A first-rate tussle, "Headquarters" in the final defeated "B" Company. Company

Chase the Rattle—I Sergt, Marshall, 2 R.S.M. Goulds,
Gas Alarm Race (open)—I Pte. G. Jury, "B" Co.; 2 Rifleman Fowler,
K.R.R.; 3 Rifleman George, K.R.R.
Obstacle Race—I Pte. T. H. Facey; 2 Pte. A. E. Nicholls, 3 Sergt. H.

150 Yards—1 C.S.M. Judge, 2 Sergt. Aldridge. 100 Yards Handicap—1 Captain Solbé, 2 Major Corfe, 3 Major Heron. V.C. Race—1 Ptes. Hatch and Buffy, "A"; 2 Corpl. Titshall and Pte.

Webber, "B."
100 Yards Race—1 Lance-Corpl. W. Smith, "B"; 2 Corpl. Titshall, "B";
3 Pte. Webb, "C."

Wrestling on Horseback-1 Pte. T. A. Martell, "C"; 2 Pte. D. Quinlan,

Three-legged Race—Ptes. Webb and Nicholls, "Signals." 200 Yards Race—1 Rifleman Gilmore, K.R.R.; 2 Pte. Norcliff, K.R.R.;

3 Pte. Cole, East Surrey.

Two Miles Walking Race.—This race was in full marching order, and produced excellent walking. The results were:—1 Pte. Hatch, "A"; 2 G. Wright, "B"; 3 Pte. W. S. Weston, "D"; 4 Pte. W. C. Bradley, "D"; 5 Pte. Nightingale, "D."

The musical race was, as usual, a comical event, but the prizes were pooled and divided among all the entrants.

The Brigadier attended at 5.30, and very kindly distributed the prizes.

A break in the fine weather caused the concert to start a little late. but it was a capital function, and reminded one of the good old days at the Private Banks Ground at Catford.

20th COUNTY OF LONDON REGIMENT.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the 20th County of London Regiment, originally formed from our and and 3rd Volunteer Battalions, have been awarded the Military Cross :-

Second-Lieutenant G. P. Weston.

1343 Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Davey.

1039 Company Sergeant-Major H. Shelley.

NOTES.

Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., has joined the 3rd Battalion for "light duty." He has been employed lately at the War Office.

Major C. M. Allfrey has rejoined the 3rd Battalion from the 22nd Battalion Manchester Regiment, and taken over the duties of Second in Command.

Temp. Captain W. K. Tillie, Adjutant 8th Battalion, has been appointed to the Machine Gun Corps in the same rank.

The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants of the 11th Battalion have been promoted Temp. Lieutenants:—J. O. Heath, S. J. Jones, G. Gordon Smith, R. G. Rogers, and M. H. Allen.

Captain (Temp. Major) A. H. Cohen, 1/4th Battalion, has been promoted Major, and Second Lieut. (Temp. Lieut.) H. F. Clough, 1/4th Battalion, has been promoted Lieutenant.

2nd Lieut. (Temp. Captain) L. E. Wilson, 2/4th Battalion, reverts to the temporary rank of Lieutenant on ceasing to be employed as Brigade Machine Gun Officer, and is restored to establishment.

2nd Lieut, C. T. P. Bailey, 2/5th Battalion, is seconded for duty with Brigade Machine Companies, and granted the temporary rank of Captain while so employed.

Captain J. Sawers, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, is acting as Town Commandant "Somewhere in France."

Temporary 2nd Lieut. R. S. Walters, 1st Battalion, is employed temporarily on Base duties.

Sergeant-Major R, Brown, 1st Battalion, has been appointed Sergeant-Major of the 5th Divisional School.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants from the 9th Battalion are transferred to the Machine Gun Corps:—F. H. Champion, A. C. L. Thomas and M. Cohen.

Captain P. A. Wilson, R. of O., late 1st Battalion, relinquishes the rank of Temporary Major.

Major C. R. Bradshaw, 2/9th Gurkha Rifles, late 1st Battalion, is granted the rank of Temp. Lieut.-Colonel while employed as a G.S.O. First Grade.

Temp. Lieut. L. A. Bartlett, 9th Battalion, is transferred to the 1st Battalion.

Temp. Second Lieut. G. F. Atkinson, 8th Battalion, relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health.

Cadet R. J. Hilman, from the Inns of Court O.T.C., has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in a Territorial Battalion of the Regiment.

Captain H. A. Waring, 1st Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Major.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that Sergeant-Major G. Allen, 6th Battalion, has been granted a commission as Quarter-Master, and posted to the 20th Labour Battalion, Cheshire Regiment. We much regret his severance from "The Queen's Own." He is succeeded in the Sergeant-Majorship by Co. Sergeant-Major W. Murphy.

Captain and Adjutant G. E. Wingfield-Stratford is employed as Intelligence Officer on the Staff of the 12th Division. He is succeeded in the Adjutancy by Lieutenant (temp. Captain) W. J. Alderman

Sergt. J. G. Dibdin, late 1st and 6th Battalions, has been appointed Company Q.M. Sergeant in the 369th Motor Transport Company, Army Service Corps.

Sergeant H. Balchin, late 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalions, has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps. He left the 6th Battalion to take up the appointment of Battery Sergeant-Major, No. 5 Battery, Motor Machine Gun Service, and was subsequently Squadron Chief Petty Officer in the Armoured Car Division.

The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants of the 9th Battalion are transferred to Service Battalions:—E. G. V. Hughes, A. K. Hall, R. Bartholomew, E. O. Goulden, W. L. Gascoyne and J. H. Fowler.

The following from an Officers' Cadet Unit are appointed Second Lieutenants in the 3rd Battalion:—O. J. Longstaff, C. J. F. Dyer, C. da Silva, B. W. Hougham, A. W. P. Henfrey, W. O. C. Sewell, C. M. Gray, A. D. Denton, H. G. Evans, J. M. S. Battams, N. G. S. Sheppey-Greene, H. B. Hill, J. H. Battishill, B. M. E. Baker, T. J. Molony, A. C. Sargent, R. W. S. Meakins, H. G. Scudamore, E. W. Venner, A. Hoskins, E. D. Harrison F. I. Harrison B. C. B. Jagger C. H. Compton,

The undermentioned have been appointed 2nd Lieutenants in our Territorial Battalion:—2nd Lieut. G. F. Murdock, from 4th Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment; Lance-Corpl. H. Gover, from the Inns of Court O.T.C.

Captain W. V. Palmer is seconded on appointment to the Royal Military College, as an Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets.

Lance-Sergt. G. J. J. Ross, from the Inns of Court O.T.C., has been appointed Second Lieutenant (on probation) in one of our Territorial Battalions.

Temp, Lieut, F. G. Frazer and Temp, Second Lieuts, A. E. Fenton and D. J. V. Knott are transferred from 11th to 12th Battalion,

Major C. F. Hitchins, 3rd Battalion, who has been serving on the Staff of the Southern Army, as assistant to the A.Q.M.G. for the past ten weeks, has been appointed to the command of the 2/5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Lieutenant F. R. Wright, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, has been promoted temporary Captain.

Temporary-Major A. J. P. Annesley, 12th Battalion, relinquishes his commission.

Captain E. G. Savage, 3/5th Battalion, has been promoted temporary-Major. * * * * * *

The undermentioned temporary-Second-Lieutenants, 9th Battalion, are transferred to Service Battalions:—H. J. M. Harris, S. G. Wright, J. Forsyth, C. R. H. Allworth, C. Clarke, H. R. James, H. Flowers, L. Willoughby, and A. Roscoe.

Temp. Lieutenant S. Wilks, 6th Battalion, has been transferred to the General List, and appointed a Staff Lieutenant 3rd class.

Temp. Second-Lieutenant T. W. Farley, 8th Battalion, The Buffs, has been transferred to one of our Service Battalions.

Temp. Second-Lieutenant W. M. Boucher, 9th Pattalion, has been transferred to a Service Battalion.

The undermentioned from 2nd Artist's Rifles, O.T.C., has been appointed a Second-Lieutenant on probation in the 3rd Battalion:—H. R. H. Bullman,

Second-Lieutenant (Temp. Lieutenant) L. E. Wilson, 24th Battalion, is seconded for duty with the Imperial Camel Corps, and to be Temp. Captain whilst so employed.

Lieutenant G. A. W. Williams, Reserve of Officers, is attached to the 8th Battalion for duty as Transport Officer.

Second-Lieutenant G. P. Burdett, 3rd Battalion, has been appointed a temp. Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps.

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Temp. Second-Lieutenant M. H. Carre, 6th Battalion, has been promoted temp. Lieutenant.

Captain L. M. Brewis and 2nd Lieut. C. H. Hartman painted the scenery. The plays were produced under the direction of 2nd Lieut. Evans, who was the master mind behind the whole show.

 Unfortunately heavy snow fell during the afternoon and prevented a number of people from attending, but the sale of tickets was good and brought in considerable sums for the benefit of the Brigade Sporting Funds, etc.

Early in March the effectives of the Battalion paid a hurried and unexpected visit to one of the Kent coast towns; why, they know not, but it proved a most excellent change, and everyone feels much better for three weeks of sea air, and a little relaxation from the long hours of work at Tonbridge. There was nothing in the expedition to chronicle except a small incident of perhaps slight military value. It appears that a certain regiment from the North Country has been quartered at that particular coast town for some time, and looked upon a certain house of refreshment therein as peculiarly their own; and resented it being patronised by the Queen's Own. Now, if a Man of Kent or a Kentish Man cannot choose his own house of refreshment—and in his own county too—something curious must be happening in the world. Shortly, the result of an argument on the point established the Kentish Men's rights in quite an absolute manner.

Perhaps next month we may be able to see more clearly what our own preparations are leading to, and what active part we are to play in the Great Struggle.

3/5th BATTALION.

MAJOR G. C. B. JENYNS (Commanding).

When I last penned a few lines to you the Officers and Sergeants had just fired a match on the Miniature Range against the 3/5th Buffs, and the West Kents won by 150 points. The following are our scores out of a possible 100:—2nd Lieut. Hutchinson 97, C.S.M. J. Anderson 97, 2nd Lieut. Southerton 96, R.S.M. J. Spooner 96, Sergt. Geoghegan 94, 2nd Lieut. Vaughan 93, 2nd Lieut. Sotham 85, Sergt. J. Shipp 80.

The Sports Meeting and Indoor Games Tournament were held a few days ago. A 100 yards' scratch race was won by the Buffs, Sergt. Richmond just beating Sergt. Ball, of the two blues, and Sergt. Waters (Buffs) third, followed by C.Q.M.S. D. T. R. Gray, of the West Kents.

The two miles' race was an exhibition of splendid running by R.S.M. Brown, of the Buffs, who arrived well ahead of Sergts, Ball and Jousiffe.

A football match followed, and the Buffs were leading at half-time by 2-0; in the second half the West Kents pulled themselves together and won by 3-2, as well as a tug-of-war, which immediately followed the match

A tea (when 75 sat down) had to be laid in an Institute close to the Mess, owing to the latter's limited accommodation, but subsequently a smaller gathering spent a pleasant evening at indoor games, when the Buffs had to retire with 4 points against their entertainers' 10.

In the latter part of February the R.S.M. brought into the Mess a box of "Smokes for Soldiers." the contents to be derived according to the amount of swearing any member indulged in at a penny a word. As soon as the fact was announced, an Irishman, needless to say, went up to the R.S.M., threw a 2s. 6d. piece in front of him and asked if he could have a season! The box is getting heavy and the air is lighter!

Regimental sports were held a fortnight ago, when running, 100 yards, relay, and three mile races, long and high jumps, and a tug-of-war constituted the programme. "B" Company were most successful in the events, securing the major part of the prizes.

The prizes were presented at a concert arranged by the Battalion on the 13th inst., and as each competitor went up to receive his reward it was amusing to hear the shouts which greeted each man according to the Company he belonged. "B" had the longest shout.

The concert was very good and the hall was not large enough to hold those wishing to attend. The band, which is progressing favourably and rapidly under Sergeant-Drummer Smith's tuition, gave a few selections, but the "star" turn of the evening was the C.O., Major Jenyns, who had to sing three songs before the boys would let him leave the platform. The Assistant Adjutant. Lieut, Taylor, gave a splendid character sketch of the murder scene from Oliver Twist and of Fagan in the condemned cell:

We have had three inspections within the last month. Brigadier-General Gartside-Spaight inspected the Battalion on the 23rd February. A week later General Sir Leslie Rundle, G.C.B., etc., inspected the Division, and expressed himself as pleased with the material which had passed him and the good work that had evidently been carried out by all ranks.

On the 20th, Brigadier-General O.C. Wolley Dod, Inspector of Infantry, inspected the Battalion at work in the various items of instruction.

The Sergeants met the 3/1st Kent Cyclists in a games tournament, held in the latter's quarters, and the visitors won by 12 points to 8. The return engagement takes place in a week or two, when the Wheelers will endeavour to turn the tables.

A boxing tournament promoted by the Divisional Sports Committee enabled the Battalion to exhibit its boxers, and after doing well in the preliminary rounds, two of the three left in the finals had to submit to defeat, the third one sprained his wrist in the semi-final so had to give a walk-over to his opponent, Drummer Draper, of the 3/9th Middlesex. However, we won the feather-weight competition, in which the finalists were both from the Battalion.

The programme of work is still strenuous, and the Battalion at the moment of writing is out on a 16 mile march.

6th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. S. OWEN, D.S.O. (Commanding).

We have been once more to the scene of our former triumphs—that part of the line where this Battalion first distinguished itself. This time we have been in the land of craters, where bombing, rifle grenading, trench mortaring, Lewis guinning went on night after night. In our particular bit there were three craters occupied by us, with a fourth close by occupied by the Boches. One of these craters was the largest yet formed. It was like an immense amphitheatre. It was 150 feet in diameter and 70 to 80 feet deep. The other two were smaller and much nastier. They all tasted of Boches. We lived round the lips of these craters; the middle of each was an indescribable mixture of Boche, mud, refuse, dislodged German sand bags, equipment, unexploded instruments of devilry, etc.

We moved up to hold the line. To "C" Company fell the honour of holding the craters. The Boches came out at stand to. There was much liveliness; bombs, rifle grenades, trench mortars, and the like. The Boches were pushed back, getting more than they expected. "D" Company went in next day, and they had a scrap; again the Boches went back with their tails down. "B" Company went in next day. Usual strafe, though a little later in the evening.

Can you picture the show; eager bombers round the lips of these huge holes, watching for the ever wily and watchful Boche. As darkness creeps on a few bombs are feelingly chucked over, the click of a rifle grenade, and the anxious anticipation of its fall; the buzz of a trench mortar, and the wondering if it will fall short; enemy bombs falling short and then coming to the edge of the crater. Hallo! they're out! let the sinners have it. Now everybody is fully roused. But the troops opposite are good—some of the finest they have. There they are! they've crept round both sides, but our lads were simply splendid. In the middle of all this strafing, when bombs were being chucked by the hundred—12,000 were used by one company in a night!!!—they began singing "We are the West Kent boys!" Those nights in the craters were cold and wet—snowing most of the time. The craters and surrounding country were an amazing sight in the snow.

The Boche has been using some nasty stuff. He sent over some minenwerfer—about 200lbs, in weight! We could see their trail through the air. There were three together on one occasion, about 9 p.m. They rose to some height, turned, and then came down beheld by everybody. Speculation was rife while they were coming down; conclusions were soon formed. There was the most appalling crash—a sort of train smash, gas explosion, and volcano all in one. They held everybody fascinated while they were in the air; they numbed everybody when they fell; but their effect was surprisingly local.

Well, we held these blooming craters, and the powers that be were very appreciative. Army and corps commanders expressed their satisfaction in special orders.

We were tired when we came out, but the usual rum and hot stew medicine did wonders.

7th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COL. J. T. TWISTLETON-WYKEHAM-FIENNES (Commanding).

After rather more than a month, restfully spent either in the building of railways or affectionate attachment to the Divisional School, the Battalion. less "D" Company, has just returned to the trenches. Not the old ones, however, the Hun may continue to blister the old chateau of happy memory, but we shall not be there. In its stead awaits us, as rumour has it, a strange medley of mountain, marsh and mill, which, if it half deserves its reputation, should be really thrilling. O.C. "A" Company, in the role of merry miller, is said to have indented for an "Archie" to cope with the old men of the mountain opposite; while the snipers, whom we have long suspected of a secret aversion to taking human life, have been stimulated into new activity by rumours of duck; although prospects of competition on the part of the M.G. Section are somewhat damping.

"D" Company, on the other hand, in a glory of burnished buttons, still demonstrates the Art of War at the Divisional School, to wit, the Attack, as it should, and as it should not be done—the latter, "tho' it's we that says it, as shouldn't," a masterpiece.

For the rest, at the risk of being egotistical, we cannot forbear to mention "D" Company's sports, so mellifluously presided over by 2nd Lieut. A. C. Dennis, and "D" Company's concert, whereof the programme in admirable sequence was arranged by 2nd Lieut. D. G. Phipps.

Finally, the regiment has just received an artistic tribute from our Allies, a reproduction of which it is hoped may accompany this article. It consists of an embroidered postcard, blazoned with a winged animal like a sportive hippopotamus in pink tights, ramping vehemently above the West Kent name. Such is fame.

(It is regretted that it has been found impossible to reproduce this work of art, but it has been forwarded to O.C. Depot, with a request that it may be placed on the wall of the Recreation Room .- Ed.).

8th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. PARKER (Commanding).

Any information regarding what happened during and after the advance at Loos on September 26th, 1915, to the undermentioned Officers, who were reported wounded and missing, will be gratefully received by their relatives:-

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Address to:
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Maulesden, Brechin, Scotland.

2nd LIEUT, R. F. T. BURRELL,

Address to:

Mrs. M. L. Burrell,

Oak Holm, Wimbledon, Surrey.

I am sending you a little gaff from the 8th Battalion, as I notice that we must have a correspondent who either does not get much time or is studying the latest craze of paper saving. Well, we are not a thousand miles from the Depot, where we consider ourselves landowners in a small way, having been looking after a small plot for some time, with no one to dispute our claim, although the Boches are only a few yards away, our constant proximity, if it has not exactly given birth to a sentiment of friendship, has at least engendered a spirit of toleration. By the nature of things, surprise attacks have been made next to impossible, and though it is true that many kilos of lead are daily exchanged, together with a few bombs, it is simply carried out more as a matter of habit, as well as a form of exercise, than with the intention of being rude. Although the above is about the state of things, we have seen a bit of scrapping, as our casualty list shows, and we've seen a bit of the country, and as one of our lads remarked that he had marched half across France and Belgium and the other half he had put in sand bags. We keep getting a few of our old Battalion back with us by way of drafts, but we have a few men from every Battalion from 1st to 9th. It has been proposed to get Fritz to put a bit of frightfulness into his firework display, as it doesn't seem to harmonise with his other works of art, and about all the use they seem to be is to see with whom it is you have been arguing the point with. By the way, when I was on leave I dropped into the Museum to see the work of Mr. Hyde, and it is a sight that no one connected with the regiment should miss. A thing that has struck me more than any other (and you can take it from me that there are a lot of things that do strike you if you are not careful) is the absence of barbers in the German army. Although we have a lot of enemies, we have our friends with whom we often have a friendly chat. Then there is the languages, I mean French and Flemish, which we all can parle, but no one knows what it means, which I think is because we don't wave our arms the right way; but at the same time, with all these little drawbacks, we are all merry and bright, which means medicine and duty, and so the game goes on.

HOLLATTAE HIS 9th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J. DANIELL (Commanding).

We have completed our fixtures in the Brigade Football Competition, and find ourselves a good third on the list. As we have already pointed out, at one time we had very strong hopes of occupying the premier position; but lost our front rank at a critical time. Notwithstanding this we have done rather well this month—a runaway victory over the Queen's being followed by a rousing game with the 15th Middlesex. The game ended at 2-2, but we think it should have been in our favour, as the referee miscalculated the time, and in the extra period allowed our opponents to equalise.

We append the table:—					1 7	alamain.
I I	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	Points.
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10th Royal Sussex	10	8	1	1	46.12	17
15th Middlesex	. 10	6	1 1	3	28.10	15 *
9th West Kent	10	5	3	2	49.18	12
14th Middlesex	8	3	4	art 1 and	15.20	7
11th East Surrey	9	2	6	1	17.33	5
9th Queen's		0	9	0	5 67	0

We can congratulate ourselves on the fact that we were the only team to beat the winners and also scored the greatest number of goals in the competition. The play of the season has been marked by the steady defensive work of the back division—Sergt. Eaves (goal), Sergt. Gilpen and Pte. Hockham (backs). The intermediate line has varied, but the best record is held by the indefatigable Assistant Secretary, Sergeant Townley, who was assisted by Ptes. Dickenson and Howes; while Lance-Corpl. Taylor, Ptes. Purnell and Hook, assisted in the latter part by Pte. Smith and others, have completed the front rank. Mention must also be made of the good work of Sergt. Shuttlewood, who, as referee, has officiated capitally in most of the important matches of the competition. Badges (the White Horse) were awarded to all the above and presented by 2nd Lieut. C. Adams (Hon. Secretary), who, as Brigade Hon. Secretary, has successfully piloted the competition through, and is now engaged in fixing up a match-Champions v. Rest-for charity.

Quite an agreeable change to the usual concerts was afforded by a visit of a party of ladies and gentlemen from Brighton and Shoreham, who entertained us on Wednesday, March 16th.

The party were under the direction of Miss Kathleen Gordon, and included Mesdames E. Barron, O. Conway, Cowell, Clark, and little Miss Rosie Franks. They were assisted by several Service men, and a long and varied programme was admirably carried through. Space will not allow us to give the full programme, but the selection comprised both classical and popular favourites, a spirited farce concluding the evening. Our new band played several selections in first-class style under the direction of Sergeant D. Collins, who conducted in the absence of Bandmaster Hunt. Our best thanks are tendered to our kind visitors, whom we hope some day to have an opportunity of welcoming again, and also to our Battalion Chaplain, the Rev. J. Combe, who organised the entertainment, but who was unfortunately unable to attend on account of illness.

A great event this month has been the arrival of the 2nd Battalion Band Boys, their first appearance in public, when they played a draft to the station, bringing out all the inhabitants of Shoreham.

The writer well remembers their first lessons, when melancholy strains were wafted up from the Barrack Field, and takes this opportunity of congratulating their Bandmaster on the success of his hard work. The seal of their efficiency was placed upon them when they were asked to perform at the Camp Church Service last Sunday, and acquitted themselves admirably, and with much feeling and taste. Since we last wrote we have had some very fine samples of Shoreham weather and a few delightful days included therein; but nevertheless the work goes steadily on, and drafts of both men and officers regularly leave us. to join their comrades in the great task.

10th BATTALION.

LIEUT-COLONEL A. WOOD MARTYN (Commanding).

The past month has been another fairly eventful one for the Battalion. By the time these notes appear in press our Musketry Course will have been completed. Fears are entertained, however, that the results will not be so good as anticipated, but we presume that we are not offering a poor excuse if we blame the weather a little.

The Right Half Battalion had a fearful period of bad weather and were firing classification practices in fog, snow, rain and blizzards, which of course were not conducive to good shooting. However, our C.Q.M. Sergeants did their utmost to comfort us with hot coffee as often as possible.

The Half Battalion who were not firing were finding duties and butt markers, hence the training of the Battalion in the other departments of warfare has been greatly handicapped.

We are now considering ourselves a fully fledged "Service" Battalion, as all our "not likelies" have been transferred to the 12th Reserve Battalion, and we hope to be made up completely in a very few

It is rumoured that we shortly proceed on leave, and on return we humbly place ourselves at the disposal of the authorities to send us to -," and quickly we hope.

To relieve the monotony of the lightless nights, "B" Company gave a concert in the Recreation Room on Wednesday, 22nd March. Thanks are due to Corporal Collins, who (after a hard day's work) rushed about in a brilliant manner to score a successful evening. A monthly record of regimental doings

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Roll of Honour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of July :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain L. de B. Barnett.

Captain M. L. W. Matthews.

Captain R. L. Pillman.

Captain H. C. Harris.

Lieutenant E. J. Innocent.

Lieutenant R. G. Crosse.

Second-Lieutenant B. N. Dickinson.

Second-Lieutenant L. F. Vinicombe.

Second-Lieutenant C. S. Coombs.

Second-Lieutenant H. W. File,

Second-Lieutenant J. Forsyth.

Second-Lieutenant D. Cathcart.

Second-Lieutenant J. H. Hughes.

Second-Lieutenant H. Latimer.

DIED.

Second-Lieutenant K. A. A. Norris.

WOUNDED.

Captain C. H. Wickham. Captain C. S. Emden.

Captain F. R. Latter.

Captain T. P. P. Walker.

Lieutenant F. T. Licence.

Lieutenant J. A. Tennyson-Smith. Lieutenant C. B. Smith. Lieutenant F. W. Roberts. Lieutenant G. M. McClenaghan.

Second-Lieutenant E. O. Goulden.

Second-Lieutenant D. E. M. Woodhouse.

Second-Lieutenant P. C. Hoyland.

Second-Lieutenant E. N. Allen.

Second-Lieutenant C. J. Ashton. Second-Lieutenant G. T. Carre.

Second-Lieutenant H. G. C. Mann.

Second-Lieutenant E. S. Martyn. Second-Lieutenant W. G. St. L. Montague.

Second-Lieutenant P. V. Roberts.
Second-Lieutenant E. W. Sheppard, attached Lancashire Fusiliers.

Second-Lieutenant H. J. M. Harris.

Second-Lieutenant H. T. Gregory.

Second-Lieutenant I. Heaton.

Second-Lieutenant J. A. Smith.

Second-Lieutenant W. M. Boucher.

Second-Lieutenant D. S. Freeman.

Second-Lieutenant D. G. Phipps.

Second-Lieutenant A. Simes. Second-Lieutenant G. W. Hindle, attached Manchester

Regiment.

Second-Lieutenant E. F. Venner, attached Manchester

Regiment.

Second-Lieutenant H. T. Bond.

Second-Lieutenant H. M. Cockle.

Second-Lieutenant F. W. Wills.

Second-Lieutenant A. E. Carpenter, attached Machine Gun

Second-Lieutenant H. G. Bushell.

Second-Lieutenant J. J. Kneafsey.

Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant H. G. Rogers.

MISSING.

Captain G. A. L. Hatton (unofficially reported Prisoner of War).

Lieutenant F. M. S. Bowen.

Second-Lieutenant C. C. C. Buckle.

Second-Lieutenant B. V. Wood.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED.

Second-Lieutenant P. Newbold. Second-Lieutenant G. Saveall.

PRISONER OF WAR (KUT).

Captain V. S. Clarke.

FORMER OFFICER (KILLED).

Captain R. L. Hoare, London Regiment.

ATTACHED OFFICERS (WOUNDED).

Captain F. E. Chapman, R.A.M.C.

Captain M. L. W. Matthews was gazetted to the Regiment on August 29th, 1914, and was promoted temporary Captain on January 11th, 1916. He was educated at Eton, where he rowed in the lower and upper boats, and at University College, Oxford. He was killed on July 3rd whilst leading his Company, and fell in the German trenches. Many letters have been received by his relatives from both officers and men saying how much he was beloved. One officer writes: "I shall always think of him as the ideal British Officer, so smart, and full of life and fun." He had applied to be transferred to the Regular Battalions at the end of the War.

Captain R. L. Pillman was gazetted to the Regiment in July, 1915, and was promoted temporary Captain in the following December. He died of wounds on July 8th, a few hours after he was hit. His Commanding Officer writes: "He had endeared himself to all ranks, being a staunch friend and a good comrade to all. He was one of my best and most reliable officers. It is the greatest grief to us all, and to myself in particular." He was educated at Rugby, and was an International Rugby footballer, and played for England against France. Previous to receiving his commission he served in the ranks of the 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

Lieutenant E. J. Innocent served in the South African War with Lord Compton's Horse. At the outbreak of the War he enlisted in the 19th Hussars, and obtained his commission in the Royal West Kent in February, 1915 He was wounded in December last, but returned to the front during the following month. No further particulars are available.

Lieut. R G. Crosse was educated at King's School, Canterbury, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He joined the regiment at the outbreak of the war, and went to France about a year ago. No further particulars are available.

Second Lieut. K. A. A. Norris was educated at Uppingham, and received his commission from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was a nephew of Captain W. H. Annesley, R. of O., late 1st Battalion, and was only 19 years of age. He died from the effects of a bomb accident. He was a keen, smart officer, and most popular with all ranks.

Second Lieut. D. Cathcart received his commission in the regiment as a reward for service in the field. He enlisted in the Scots Greys in 1901 and went with his regiment to South Africa. He was considered one of the finest horsemen in the army, was a prominent figure at the annual military tournaments during the past 10 years, and was the holder of championship medals for heads and posts, dummy thrusting and lemon cutting. He was also winner of the sword, lance and revolver combined competition, 1914, both in the Northern Command and at the London Tournament in that year. * It was at his own request that he was gazetted to the Royal West Kent. He was a fine soldier, and is a serious loss to the regiment.

Second Lieut L. F. Vinicombe was killed on June 29th when out with a working party. He was educated at Edinburgh and King's College, London, and afterwards went to the National Gymnasium at Stockholm. He was given a commission in the Devon Regiment in November, 1914, and was transferred to the Royal West Kent in November, 1915, when he went to the front. No further particulars are available.

Captain H. C. Harris was killed on July 3rd, while leading his company. Educated at St. Olave's Grammar School and London University, he entered the teaching profession. He joined the regiment on the outbreak of the war, and went to the front at Easter, 1915, and has seen much strenuous fighting. His Commanding Officer writes: "He was a most able commander, whose place it will be difficult to fill."

We have been unable to obtain any information regarding the other officers who are reported killed.

N.C.O.'s AND MEN. KILLED IN ACTION.

9616	Pte. H. Cheeseman	2394	Pte. H. Cooper
11893	Pte. W. Kitchener Pte. R. Harding	10896	Pte. A. Hubble
5884	Pte. J. Neehan	8223	Pte. C. Turner
6438	Pte, A. Ridge		Pte. W. Brown
11930			Corpl. W. Green
2957	Pte. R. Aspell Pte. E. Searle	9139	Pte. J. McCormack
		8664	LcCorpl. T. G. Williams
	Pte. W. Tilett	3142	Pte. H. Rankin
8113	Pte. W. Parkes	887	Pte. H. Rankin Pte. W. Avis
	Pte. A. Sharp	93	Pte. A. Baxter
	Pte. J. Fuller	9112	Pte. G. Boreham
	Pte, J. T. Moores	495	Corpl. T. Cooper
			Pte. A. Drake
11028	Pte. G. Blake Pte. A. Bryant	4579	Pte. F. Elve
10591	Pte. A. Bryant	5724	Pte. J. Gadd
10606	Pte. F. Jakes	506	Pte. H. Houldstock Pte. F. Jones Pte. D. MacCartney
8661	Corpl. F. Martin Pte. T. Rutherford	109	Pte. F. Jones
11299			
10802	Pte. E. Elliott Pte. H. Swan Pte. E. A. Malins	5079	Pte. W. Munn
11882	Pte. H. Swan	9061	Pte. D. Owen
5793	Pte. E. A. Malins	6703	Pte. E. Sinclair
10692	Pte. A. Whatmough	998	Pte. S. Steadman
11802	Pte. A. O. Carr	949	Pte. E. Tickner
6535	Pte. A. Whatmough Pte. A. O. Carr Sergt. W. Grey	5699	Pte, J. Warner

10556	Pte. A. T. Smith	6474	Pte. H. Wood
	Pte. T. Heron	623	Pte. H. Chapman
	Pte. T. Wood	6966	Pte. T. C. Hopgood
	LcCorpl. C. Bax	9984	Pte. G. A. King
	Pte. H. Benge	8591	Pte. W. T. Rabey
	Pte. T. Chester	3924	Pte. F. Smoothey
	Pte. H. Danzey	10048	Pte. F. Checkley
	Pte. E. Edwards	226	Sergt. J. Everest
	Pte. G. Aldous	3	Pte. J. Gould
	Lance-Corpl. W. Kirby	166	Sergt. H. Hundleby
	Pte, A. Morgan	10,30	Pte, H. Lansdowne
	LcCorpl. G. Sturge		Corpl. A. Maunton
	Pte. H. F. Gibbons		Corpl. N. Ovenden
11612	Pte. P. W. Cooper		Pte. R. Page
2113	Pte. A. Russell		Pte. H. Smith
11744	Pte. H. A. Sinden		Pte. A. Styles
380	Pte. H. Quaife	1290	
3657	LcCorpl. H. Anderton	8328	Pte. R Warren
2667	Pte. H. Hardy	737	
11779	Pte. G. Reynolds	3944	LcSergt. F. Harding
10027	Pte. T. Bell	8207	Corpl. G. F. Kemmence
10936	Pte, H. Brown		Pte. H. J. Langley
	Pte. J. Dunmore	10628	
2021	Pte. R. Lewis	11008	Pte. G. Berry
10432	Pte. W. Masters		

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1963	Pte. J. T. Beale	9063	Pte, A. G. Easter
8338	Pte T Chapman	8912	Pte. C. Fowles
1648	Pte W. Harris	11702	Pte. F. Gilbert
32	Pte. R. O. Light	11572	Pte. T. C. Grinstead
6681	Sergt. W. E. Newell	3888	Pte. G. Hamilton
9081	Pte. R. Powell	110/10	Le Corpl A Poris
3161	Pte C Edge	9743	LcSergt W Shorter
6119	Pte. F. Lucas	6685	Sergt, W. T. Spicer
10748	Pte. A. Nield	10266	Pte. T. J. Taylor
9952	Sergt. W. Saunders	9279	LcCorpl. C. D. Williams
2740	Pte. F. Sullivan	7356	Le Correl A Challen
10100	Pte. E. Wykes	1350	Pte. A. Finn
10387	Pte. V. F. Culmer	1292	LcCorpl. J. Galley
8138	Co. SergtMaj. F. Jenkins	6975	Pte. F. Hughes
8153	Pte. C. J. Barker	5328	Pie. J. Lee
4009	Pte. A. De Bruin	9283	Pte. W. Pettit
1091	Pte W Johnson	8522	Pte. W Pearson
1535	Sergt. R. Levy	10614	Pte. C. Pomfret
4070	Pte. E. Pettitt	1245	Pte. H. Rogers
11269	Pte. F. E. Read	6229	Pte. J. Slater
8044	Pte. C. Samson	9077	Pte. S. Smith
10800	Pte T Hall	1847	Pte W Thorne
2775	Pte. W. Hubble	1036	Sergt. A Weatherall
11841	Pte, F. Ricketts	149	Pte. W. Woodger
1098	Pte. F. Baker	9983	Pte. H. Baker
8118	Pte. S. Ausun	8594	Pte. E. P. Bodiam
3016	Pte A Reeching	888	Cornl W P Cramp
10489	Pte A. Burrows	9881	Pte R P Ewins
6866	Pte. J. G. Grey	11696	Pte. W. L. Field
11268	Pte. W. E. Kemp	11052	Pte. A. G. Fuller
10557	Pte. U. Monckton Dto W. P. Pattitt	10352	LcCorpl. F. J. Giles
3020	Pte T Bradley	1851	Pte. 1. Giles
5403	Pte. W. Carter	5417	Pte. H. C. Pocock
2322	Pte. A. Jordon	2078	Pte. E. E Sayer
10693	Pte. J. Place	565	Pte. F. Singer
10177	Dto F Tabrett	8779	Corpl. R. A. Sprigge
6457	Pte P. Walsh	2313	Pte A T Wythe
9308	Pte. W. Taylor	2815	Sergt, F. Baker
11212	LcCorpl. A. J. Child	3643	Pte. W. Cheeney
10710	Pte. A. Ayling	5130	Pte. A. Ford
1532	Dto I Dyzart	3066	Pte. R. Grove
1777	Pte S Hollands	6108	LcCorpl. J. Knight
10427	LcCorpl. J. Jones	6762	Pte G. Playfoot
10786	LcCorpl. J. Rabson	11690	Pte. J. Robinson
11018	Pte. W. Ring	2326	LcCorpl. G. Rock
5001	Pte. J. Thompson	872	Pte. D. Stevens
1507	Pte. J. Hearsey	11727	Pte E Whittington
2752	Pte. R. King	2279	Bte. E. Barker
4327	Pte. S. Taylor	4068	Pte. W. Crampton
12173	Pte. C. Streatheid	1792	Pte. J. Dray
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8425	LcCorpl. F. Maguire	1905	Pte A Sampson
8941	Pte. F. Till	11597	Pte. J. Steed
1273	Pte. F. Ashton	5296	Pte. W. Thompson
11374	Le-Corpl H Chippendale	1293	Pte. F. Barnett
3169	Pte. A Carter	2278	Pte. N. Bond
11764	Pte. A. Fagg	10741	Dto T Cordingley
9107	Pte. S. Goddard	3009	Pte. W. Faulkner
2792	Pte. J. King	710	Pte. W. James
6047	Pte. C. London	6729	Acting Corpl H. Jones
2755	Corpl. H. Stannard	600	Sergt. E. Littlechild
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HONOURS AWARDED.

The following is a complete list of Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment to whom honours have been awarded during the first two years of the War :-

1st and 2nd BATTALIONS.

To be Brevet Colonel-Lieut.-Col, A. Martyn (Temp, Brigadier-General)
To be Brevet Lieut,-Col.-Major P. M. Robinson, C. M. G. (Temp. Brig.-Gen.)
Major C. E. Kitson, D.S.O.

Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O. Major C. Bonham-Carter Major R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O.

C.B.-Colonel S. H. Pedley C.M.G.—Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. Isacke (Temp. Brigadier-General)
D.S.O.—Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Kitson

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. T. Hildyard

Major R. M. G. Tulloch Major H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)

Major A. K. Grant Major E. H. Norman (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)

Major J. W. Nelson
Major R. L. White
Captain O. Y. Hibbert Captain O. Y. Hibbert
Captain H. B. H. White
Captain W. R. A. Dawson Lieutenant J. R. Russell

Military Cross—Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett
Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy
Captain P. F. Wilberforce Bell Captain and Adjutant P. N. Anstruther Lieutenant A. G. Balbernie Lieutenant II. S. Doe Second-Lieutenant H, Bracken (Temporary Lieutenant) Second-Lieutenant S. J. Needham

Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant H. G. Rogers 7421 Regimental Sergeant-Major R. Brown 5345 Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Reynolds

Company Sergeant-Major F. J. Crossley
Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Penny
Company Sergeant-Major A. G. Elliott
Company Sergeant-Major E J. Newbrooke
Sergeant M. P. Stroud
Sergeant E. Dennington D.C.M .- 5259 4558 5619 5706 6694 7847

Sergeant E. Dennington
Sergeant W. Markham
Sergeant D. Wright
Sergeant W. Wannell
Sergeant A. J. Robinson
Sergeant A. B. Hammond
Lance-Sergeant J. Young
Lance-Sergeant J. Edwards
Corporal T. Bax
Lance-Corporal F. Liddamore 7501 7261 7361 8759

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8840 Lance-Corporal F. Liddamore Private J. Turnbull. Private P. Donovan 1036

8192 9831 Private G. H. Johnson
Private E. Bunsell 7982 8438

Private E. E. Allison Private E. T. Bye 7316 9511 8739 Private G. Howe 7963 Private H. R. Clift

Private T. Cork 5793 Private A. H. Mires 94517 Private R. J. H. Pannett Private G. A. Rutherford Private W. Herbert Private G. Vickers Private W. Bridger 9103

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Military Medal-7564 Private W. Feast

Médaille Militaire-Lieutenant H. S. Doe 8566 Company Sergeant-Major W. Selves 5793 Private T. Cork

Russian Medal of St. George, 2nd Class-241 Lance-Sergeant J. Young
3rd Class-8192 Private J. Turnbull
4th Class-6025 Private F. G Floyd

Order of the Nile, 4th Class-Captain R. B. L. Bazley-White Higher Rute of Pay-Quarter-Master and Hon, Lieutenant H. G. Rogers

3rd BATTALION,

Military Cross-Captain J. H. Stokes

4th BATTALION.

Military Cross-Major J R. Earl Stanhope

6th BATTALION. Military Cross-- Lieutenant A. H. Carre of the balances nood 500

D.C M —8053 Company Sergeant-Major H. Hibbert 243 Sergeant C. Murphy 718 Sergeant H. Creswell

226 Corporal J. Everist
178 Acting-Corporal R. N. Killick
2200 Lance-Corporal A. Seale

657 Private G. Jenner Military Medal—416 Lance-Corporal C. J Witherden 645 Private E. Dowsing

7th BATTALION.

Military Cross—Captain T. T. Waddington D C.M.—1086 Company Sergeant-Major C. Pearson 1535 Sergeant R. Levey 1998 Corporal R. J. Hillyard 88 Private M. Moore

8th BATTALION.

D.S.O.—Major A. H. Pullman
Military Cross—Captain and Adjutant W. K. Tillier
D.C M.—932 Company Sergeant-Major W. H. Mills
Military Medal—1384 Lance-Corporal J. East 6502 Private J. H. Baker

Also the undermentioned Officers who formerly served in the Regiment:—
To be Major-General—Colonel W. G. B. Western, C B (Temp. Brig.-Gen.)
To be Brevet Colonel—Lieut.-Colonel J. W. O'Dowda (Temp. Brig.-Gen.)
K.C. B.—Lieutenant-General E. A. Alderson, C. B.
C. M. G.— Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Bush (Temp. Colonel)
Lieutenant-Colonel P. Umfreville
Major E. V. O. Hewett (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)
D.S.O.—Captain H. W. Snow (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)
Military Cross—Second-Lieutenant J. L. Manwaring
Legion of Honour—Lieutenant-General Sir E. A. Alderson, K. C. B.

Legion of Honour—Lieutenant-General Sir E. A. Alderson, K.C.B.

The Editor will be glad to be informed of any errors or omissions in

these lists.

COLONEL S. H. PEDLEY, C.B.

Colonel Pedley has been appointed to the command of a Battalion "somewhere in France."

20th COUNTY OF LONDON REGIMENT.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross (as announced in our last issue) on the undermentioned officer and warrant officers of the 20th County of London Regiment, originally formed from our 2nd and 3rd Volunteer Battalions :-

Second-Lieutenant G. P. Weston-" For conspicuous gallantry as bombing officer. He kept up the supply of bombs under heavy artillery fire. Later he made a very successful reconnaissance of the enemy trenches, and finally led an attack which drove them out."

1343 Co. Sergt.-Major W. H. Davey-"For conspicuous gallantry. When the enemy broke through he formed a block with a few men and held them up, thus enabling his company to occupy a new defensive position. By his fine example, he kept the Company steady after all its officers had become casualties."

1039 Co. Sergt.-Major H. Shelley -" For conspicuous gallantry and good service as Acting Sergeant-Major during a period of operations. He organized and carried out the ration and ammunition supply regardless of danger, and by his personal fine example under fire greatly heartened the men."

The Military Cross has also been awarded to:-

5012 Co. Sergt.-Major (Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major) F. J. Trezonas, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal to

2621 Acting-Sergeant G. H. Cole.

1262 Corporal J. Owens. Tandall. 2648 Lance-Corporal G. Tindall.

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Twenty-second List of Donations received up to July 28th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

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The Sergeants of the 10th Battalion very kindly forwarded £20 10s, 11d. £10 to go to the Compassionate Fund (as acknowledged in July Q.O.G.) and £10 10s. 11d. to be used for the benefit of Sergeants (Prisoners of War).

GIFTS IN KIND.

Mrs. F. W. Burbury. The "Kent Messenger Office." Mrs. Ryall. Mrs. Martyn.

Mrs. C. H. Gray. Mrs. Nunn. Mrs. and Miss Johnston. Miss Mann.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

· Have been sent to the Battalions as specified, viz.:-

June 26th, 1 Typewriting Ribbon. July 28th, 1 case Notepaper and Envelopes.

6th BATTALION. July 3rd, 1 case Safety Matches.

,, 5th, 1 case Curry Powder. ,, 12th, 1 parcel 12 Lyres and Straps. ,, 28th, 1 case Notepaper and Envelopes.

7th BATTALION.

June 30th, 2 cases Candles.
July 3rd, 1 case Safety Matches.

5th, 1 case Curry Powder. 19

11th, 1 case Soap. 28th, 1 case Notepaper and Envelopes.

Sth BATTALION.

July 3rd, 1 case Safety Matches.

5th, 1 case Curry Powder. ,, 5th, 1 case Curry ,, 11th, 1 case Soap.

,, 28th, 1 case Notepaper and Envelopes.

10th BATTALION. 1 case Curry Powder.

DETACHMENT.

June 30th, 1 case 5000 Cigarettes, 20 lbs. Tobacco.

July 6th, 1 case Safety Matches. ,, 10th, 1 parcel 50 Cap Badges.

11th, 1 case 5000 Cigarettes, 20lb. Tobacco. 20th, 1 case 5000 Cigarettes, 20 lbs. Tobacco.

25th, 2 parcels Hatbands.

From "The Roa1 Girls' Gazette" for July :-

Since March we have twice sent parcels to the Royal West Kent Regiment through the Depot at Maidstone, and we shall send another bale at the end of term. The eighth statement went out with the Easter Reports, and the ninth was sent to friends with the Summer Term Notices in June. By getting hints from different authorities, we are able to vary the contents of the parcels, and from the many letters received from the men on active service, it appears that the things we send prove useful, and are certainly most warmly appreciated. As we go to press, yet another glorious deed of the Regiment is recorded in dispatches from Sir Douglas Haig, telling of their heroic resistance in Trônes Wood, cut off and surrounded by the Germans for 48 hours.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The following officers have been mentioned in depatches by General Sir C. Munro whilst he was in command of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force :-Major-General W. G. B. Western, C.B.

Brevet-Colonel J. W. O'Dowda (Temporary Brigadier-

Major R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O. (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel). The undermentioned has been mentioned in despatches by Major-General C. V. Townshend :-

9109 Pte. J. Stearn (attached Maxim Battery).

We understand that the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General P. M. Robinson, C.M.G., distinguished itself greatly last month, and that he has received congratulatory messages from the General Commanding the Division, and also from the Corps Commander. and for the anobarrasmo's notled

We also learn that Lieut.-Colonel E. H. Norman, D.S.O., has been complimented on the fine work accomplished by the Battalion under his command. Lieut.-Colonel Norman was for some days in temporary command of the Brigade.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of Major (Brevet Lieut-Colonel) C E. Kitson, and Battalion, to be a Companion of the Distinguished

Service Order, as announced in our last issue:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's trenches. He dug his men in under heavy shell, rifle, and machine gun fire, and later returned under heavy fire for a stretcher for a wounded officer. Though himself wounded by three bullets, he remained on duty till unable any longer to walk."

The following is a complete list of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Regiment who have been mentioned in despatches during the first two years of the war :-

1st and 2nd BATTALIONS.

- Colonel S. H. Pedley, C.B.
 Colonel A. Martyn (Temporary Brigadier-General)
 Major M. P. Buckle, D.S.O.
 Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. Robinson, C.M.G. (Temp. Brig.-General) Major H. Isacke, C. M. G. (Brevet Lieut.-Col., Temp. Brig.-General)
- Major C. E. Kitson, D.S.O. (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel)
 Major T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O. (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel)

- Major C. Bonham-Carter (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel)
 Major R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O. (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel)
 Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O.
 Major H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O. (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)
 Major J. T. Twisleton Wykeham Fiennes (Temp.Lieutenant-Colonel) Major A. K. Grant, D.S O.
- Major A. K. Grant, D.S O.
 Major E. H. Norman, D.S.O. (Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel)
 Major J. W. Nelson, D.S O.
 Major H. D. Belgrave
 Major R. Lynch White, D.S.O.
 Captain M. J. Dinwiddy
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 Captain A. S. Hewitt (Temp. Major)
 Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O.
 Captain R. G. C. Brock
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Captain M. W. Graham
Captain R. B. L. Bazley-White
Captain and Adjutant A. E. Hardy
Captain G. E. Wingfield-Stratford
Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett
Captain A. C. Braden Captain E. F. Monton-Barrett
Captain W. V. Palmer
Captain W. F. MacNeece (Temp. Major)
Captain W. Newton
Captain P. F. Wilberforce Bell
Captain H. B. Haydon-White, D.S.O.

Lieutenant N. B. Howell Lieutenant A. G. Balbernie Lieutenant W. R. A. Dawson, D.S.O. (Temp. Captain)
Lieutenant J. R. Russell, D.S.O.
Lieutenant W. J. Alderman (Temp. Captain) Lieutenant C. Madgett Lieutenant H. S. Doe Second-Lieutenant E. B. Walker Second-Lieutenant A. C. Hart

Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant H. G. Rogers
Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant G. Mills

4558 Company Sergeant-Major W. Selves
Company Sergeant-Major W. Penny
Company Sergeant-Major A. Reynolds
Company Sergeant-Major A. G. Elliott
Company Sergeant-Major E. J. Newbrook

Company Sergeant-Major F., J. Newbrook
Sergeant J. Powell
Sergeant W. G. File
Sergeant W. Marslin
Sergeant H. A. Palmer
Sergeant M. P. Stroud
Sergeant R. Hunt 8329 7352 8674

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Sergeant A. Clear
Sergeant R. Hunt
Sergeant W. Wannell
Sergeant S. G. Bishop
Lance-Sergeant J. Edwards
Lance-Sergeant L. H. Lewis
Corporal T. Bax
Lance-Corporal F. Brockies
Lance-Corporal J. Knight 7361 8234 6460 6630

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Lance-Corporal J. Knight
Lance-Corporal J. Ryan
Lance-Corporal P. E. Eldridge
Lance-Corporal J. Gilbert
Lance-Corporal A. Steane
Lance-Corporal A. J. Whitehouse
Lance-Corporal J. Burlack
Lance-Corporal A. Jones
Private G. Biggs 3142 7267 9829

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Lance-Corporal A. Jones
Private G. Biggs
Private F. G. Floyd
Private G. Ward
Private C. Barr
Private A. J. Chandler
Private J. Hissey
Private H. Newell
Private R. H. J. Pannett
Private C. Mires 8641 6025 7934

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Private G. J. Andrews
Private C. W. Bond
Private G. W. Borrett
Private W. Croucher
Private G. Howe 7326 9203 9861 8096

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Private T. Humphreys
Private G. Kennard
Private H. A. H. Langton
Private J. McCarthy
Private A. H. Medhurst
Private G. H. Obee
Private G. Owen 8739 9699 8883

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Private G. Owen
Private J. Packham
Private C. R. Page
Private G. A. Rutherford
Private J. Shand
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Private J. McKelvey Bandsman W. Bridger Bandsman S. T. Bye 9372 8725 9511

Bandsman H. Golding 9514 Bandsman H. Salisbury Private J. Stearn

9109 Private J. Stearn

3rd BATTALION.

Captain T. P. Aldworth Captain J. H. Stokes Captain S. H Lewis Lieutenant C. M. Payton Second-Lieutenant C. H. Wild

4th BATTALION

Colonel A. T. F. Simpson, V.D. Major J. R. Earl Stanhope

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6th BATTALION.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Venables Major H. C. W. Beeching Captain A. B. C. Francis Second-Lieutenant M. H. Carre 557 Sergeant-Major G. Allen Sergeant A. Mitchell 8105 6590 Acting Sergeant W. Robinson 318 Corporal G. Tutt Lance-Corporal E. Baker Lance-Corporal W. E. Norburn 492 770 Private J. Linge Private A. Perrin 518 869

Private W. Fuller

7th BATTALION.

Brevet Colonel A. W. Prior Major A. E. Phillips Lieutenant B. McKenzie 1515 Sergeant W. D. Coomber 1952 Corporal G. Harper

8th BATTALION.

Brevet-Colonel E. Vansittart Major A. H. Pullman, D.S.O. Captain and Adjutant W. K. Tillie Second-Lieutenant V. G. Don Quarter Master and Hon. Lieutenant H. Evans 2871 Private A. Scarratt 7076 Private J. W. Calow 3187 Private A. W. Watson

Also the undermentioned officers who formerly served in the Regiment :

Lieutenant-General E. A. H. Alderson, K C.B. Major-General W. G. B. Western, C.B. Colonel F. Wintour, C.B.
Brevet Colonel G. W. Maunsell
Brevet Colonel J. W. O'Dowda (Temporary Brigadier-General)
Lieutenant-Colonel P. Umfreville, C.M.G.
Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Bush, C.M. G. (Temporary Colonel)

Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. Davies Major E V. O. Hewett, C.M.G. (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel). Major C. R. Bradshaw (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel)

Major V. E. Muspratt Captain H. W. Snow, D.S.O. (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel)

Captain G. Elgood Captain W. H. Annesley Captain L. Bengough Lieutenant J. C. Cooke

Lieutenant W. Wilberforce (Temporary Major)

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N.B.-Lieut.-Colonel Fiennes was mentioned for his services with 7th Battalion, and Captains Stratford, Dawson and Alderman, and Quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant Mills for their services with 6th Battalion.

The Editor will be glad to be informed of any errors or omissions in these lists.

SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNDISPOSED OF.

There is available for distribution among the next of kin or others entitled, the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased soldiers who formerly belonged to the Royal West Kent Regiment. Applications should be addressed by letter to:
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	Private F. Hornblow, 1st Battalien		15	3	
	Sergeant B. Miller	£13	6	7	
	Lance-Corporal C. Owen, 1st Battalion		7	3	
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, Commanding 7th Battalion. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut,-Colonel J. C. Parker, Commanding 8th Battalion,

It is to be feared that "The Queen's Own Gazette" will, for the present, lose some of its interest, owing to the vigilance of the Censor. The whereabouts of all Battalions, except those in established military centres at home or in India, must not be given, nor may any moves be chronicled until six months have elapsed. Everything from the Battalions in France, except Concerts, Sports, etc., is bluepencilled. Even the temperature in Mesopotamia, although it has appeared in all the daily papers, was struck out of the 2nd Battalion intelligence. We trust, however, that Battalion Correspondents will not cease sending us news, as it may be possible to publish some of it, especially if it is placed under Regimental, in distinction to Battalion news, as in the case of the action in Trones Wood.

Slips have lately been placed monthly in the "Gazette" of patrons whose subscriptions have expired, with a request, frequently overlooked, that a P.O. in renewal might be forwarded. This reminder slip may have gone astray, or the matter forgotten (but the printer does not forget to send in his bill, which must be paid). As subscriptions are acknowledged in the "Gazette," so intimation when they expire will appear in these Notes monthly.

The following subscriptions expire this month:

Mr. F. E. Adams Mr. T. A. Craine The Rev. Canon Lister Mr. S. Runacres Co. Q.M.S. G Sullivan

Miss Bartlett Mrs. P. Hastings Mrs. N. Phillips Mrs. P. Tarry Mr. T. S. Crockford (2 copies)

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Lieut.-General Sir E. A. Alderson, K.C.B.-Dec. 14 Lady Cohen-March 16 Sergt. Darley-March 16 Mr. H. Doig—April 16 Lieut. Foote—July 16 Pte. Graysmark-May 16 Miss Gilbert—June 16 Co. S.M. Lander-May 16 Lieut -Col. Lushington-Dec. 15 Mr. W. Mallon-June 16

Brig.-General A. Martyn-July 16 Mr. W. Murphy-June 16 Mrs. Milner-June 16 Lieut, Pottinger—March 16 Capt. G. E. de St. C. Stevenson— May 16 Mrs. A. Smith - July 16 Mrs. S. J. Willson-June 16 Co. S.M. H. Wood – March 16 Lieut -Colonel W. J. Whitaker – February 16

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Q.O.G. PAID IN JULY.

Major Tulloch, D.S.O., to Dec., 1917. Mrs. Hougham, to May, 1917. Lieut. C. W. Harrison, to Dec., 1917. J. Roberts, Aug., 1917. Major Rowe, to Dec., 1920. Pte. A. Akerman, June, 1917. G. F. Frankling, to Dec., 1917. D. R. Pack-Beresford, to Dec., 1916. Capt. C. E. Hudson, May, 1917. Mrs. Ryall, July, 1917. Colonel Doran, donation of £1.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding Second-Lieutenant J. Forsyth, who was wounded between 6 and 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 13th, will be thankfully received by his mother, Mrs. Forsyth,

55, Manor Park,

Redland, Bristol.

N.B. - This officer appeared in the official casualty list on July 26th as killed.

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Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes.

Commanding 7th Battalion.

THE ACTION IN TRONES WOOD.

We regret we are not permitted to state which Battalion of the Regiment it is that distinguished itself in the fighting in

Trones Wood on July 13th and 14th.

We understand that all of our Battalions who participated in the fighting last month distinguished themselves, and not only sustained, but added to the glorious reputation of the old Regiment. It is not for us to say more, but we give extracts from several papers describing the action in Trones Wood.

As soon as it was known which was the Battalion concerned, our Colonel, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., sent a congratulatory wire, as did also the Depot, and all our Battalions

who are serving at home.

The Vice-Lieutenant of the county, Lord Harris, also requested Sir D. Haig to convey a message of the county's pride in them to the party of the regiment who hung on in Trones Wood.

The Chairman of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men, sent the following wire to the Secretary of State for War:-" Please convey to officers and men of Royal West Kents the high appreciation of the Association of their glorious stand at Trones Wood."

Their Majesties the King and Queen visited the Hampstead General Hospital on July 15th, and on the King asking a man what his Regiment was, and receiving the reply, "Royal West Kent," His Majesty said "I congratulate you, you have glorious news this morning.'

Globe, July 15th.

Gallant West Kents.

Kent Still "Invicta."

For 48 hours cut off in Trones Wood is a record that will be proudly added to their already long list of famous actions by the Royal West Kents. To be surrounded by the enemy in this war is something different from what might otherwise serve as historical parallels. The Regiment has more than covered itself with glory during the campaigu. The names of Neuve Chapelle and Hill 60 will be recalled in connection with its gallant deeds. But it will be henceforth irreparably associated with Trônes Wood and the great "push" under Haig.

Daily Mail, July 17th.

From Beach Thomas's Account.

The capture of Trônes and hardening of this flank was perhaps the most gallant and crucial event of the fighting. Instead of being compacted of protective cover, as you might think, the wood gave no cover and left no crevice of escape. You could not dig among the roots, you could not bank earth, y u could not cross the zarebas of shat'ered trees. Above all, the place gave admirable definition for shell fire and ideal concealment for the assassin and the machine gunner.

Glorious West Kents,

Apart from the final assault and the iron grip with which this flank Apart from the man assault and the iron grip with which this name was afterwards held firm, military history contains no event to surpass the previous stand of the West Kents. They had earned one triumph in forcing their way through to the north of the wood. They earned another in staying there when retreat was the obvious and natural manœuvre. They reached the ecstasy of the fighting spirit when they formed a Roman camp within. A target for the enemy's guns and under the threat of British guns, they fought for two days and two nights against a ring of enemies constantly recruited by reliefs moving up the corridors that enter the wood from north and east. But they were there to do or die.

In the sequel they did both. The West Kents may shake hands in history with the Maccabees and all upholders of forlorn hopes. The "Garden of England" of Britain was indeed tilled to purpose. The regiment is jewelled with fine deeds done in this war from extreme north to extreme south—from Ypres and Hill 60 to Trones—but this is the

I have just heard more news of the wood fighting. The trees in Trones Wood as well as in Bazentin-le-Petit-of which we hold all but the western edge-were populous with machine guns. In Trones the German garrison were given the password, "To the death," and to the death they fought. Many were bayoneted. Duels were fought in which both the combatants died and now lie close together, each pierced by the

Men fell clattering from the trees and lie hung across branches. The wood is a graveyard; but, strangest of all strange episodes, within the place that gallant body of West Kents, who were left and lost and long after rescued, saved the greater number of the garrison who collected for the defence. Their courage and quick skill saved them.

Daily Telegraph, July 17th.

From Philip Gibbs' Account.

A Strange Miracle.

There were machine-guns sweeping the southern end of the woods with cross-fire, and with bursting shells overhead it was a place of black horror in the night. But these Englsh boys kept crawling on to gain a yard or two before the next crash came, and then another yard or two, and at last they came up to the German line, and German riflemen sheltered behind earthworks and trunks of trees. . The wood was captured behind earthworks and trunks of trees. . . . The wood was captured again, and then a queer kind of miracle happened, and it seemed as if those who had been dead had come to life again. For out of holes in the ground, and from behind the fallen timbers of shelled trees, came a number of English boys, dirty and wild-looking, who shouted out, "Hulloh, lads?" and "What cheer, matey?" or just shoute! and laughed with a sob in their throats and big tears down their grimy faces. They were West Kants, who had first taken the Traces West and the taken the Traces West. Kents, who had first taken the Trones Wood, and then had been cau; ht in a barrage of fire. With one officer 300 men had dug themselves into the roots of trees on the eastern edge of the wood, and kept the Germans at bay with a machine-gun,

Daily Mail Leader, July 18th.

As for our New Army it has been faithful to the record of the Expeditionary Force. It has attacked with dash and endurance; and it has unflinchingly borne the severest punishment. The men who marched unhesitatingly through the triple barrage of fire at Gommecourt, or the West Kents who held on to the death, though isolated and furiously attacked, for 48 hours in Trones Wood, were worthy of the proudest traditions of our race. Of them it may be said, as of the most heroic of ancient peoples, that 'they dared beyond their strength and hazarded against their judgment, and in extremities were of an excellent hope." For the first time in history we have a nation in arms. Under the most tremendous trial that men can conceive it, metal has rung true.

Times, July 18th.

Gallant West Kents.

British Headquarters in the Field, July 16th.

The story of the splendid defence put up by about 100 men of the Royal West Kent Regiment under a captain of their battalion has already been referred to, but not correctly told. What actually happened is that this little force got separated from the main attack upon Trones Wood delivered at 7 o'clock on Thursday night. This attack did not succeed, and dusk found a small band of West Kents cut off in the eastern part of the wood, with Germans swarming around them. Luckily, they had collected some Lewis guns left by our people on an earlier occasion, together with a good deal of ad litional ammunition.

The captain organized his men with remarkable skill, and the result was that, not only did they establish several small strong points which they successfully held against tremendous odds, but they inflicted casual-

ties estimated at 150, including 35 prisoners.

Early on the following morning relief arrived, and, in consequence of the dogged maintenance of their position by the West Kents, the relief troops were enabled to develop a systematic clearance of the wood.

Another thrilling adventure befell during the course of the same night at the temporary battalion headquarters of the West Kents, on the southern fringe of the wood. The enemy barrage had become so fierce that officers and men at this spot were driven to seek cover wherever they could

Suddenly the fire lengthened, and a large party of Germans came swooping upon the ruins of the battalion headquarters. There was a house shout to "Stand to!" and the officers and some signallers and orderlies who happened to be present-the whole party not numbering more than about a dezen-seized rifles and bombs and put up such a fine counter-attack that they drove their assailants off .- Reuter.

Evening News, July 17th.

The Glorious Stand of the West Kents. Thrilling Stories of their Siege in Trones Wood.

Stories of the glorious forty-eight hour stand by the West Kents in Trones Wood are told by eye-witnesses for the first time in the following article :-

"One of the finest things in this war-or any other," was how the exploit was described by an officer on staff duty with the division to which

the West Kents were attached.
"The conditions were such that no great blame would have attached to the regiment had it surrendered. Heavy artillery fire, followed up by desperate counter-attacks from fresh infantry, had gradually forced back the troops on both flanks of the Kentish men, and a sudden swerve of the

enemy had left only one very risky line of retreat.

"This was dominated on two sides by the enemy, and retreat would have given up a position of great importance that had been won at heavy cost. Early in the first day of the counter-attacks communication became very difficult, and it was only by running great risks that we were able to keep in touch with the West Kents at all.

"Each hour added to the difficulty, and finally, before the middle of

the second day, communication with the besieged ceased altogether. was only the continued fire that told us they were still holding out.

"That afternoon a wounded man got through with a message, stating that the defenders were hard pressed on all sides, but could hold on for some time longer if it were thought necessary. A reply was sent

through later,
"Almost before it was sent our troops had begun the move that finally drove the enemy out of all the positions and relieved the band of Kentish heroes. They had had a rough time, but were quite chirpy

when we broke through to them,

" A Blazing Furnace."

"The Kentish men were in a blazing furnace-the whole fury of the German attack was concentrated on the heroic band. were pounded to powder by artillery fire, and a deluge of bullets from rifles and machine guns was kept up without ceasing.
"Flame jets and gas were turned on at intervals. From different

points the enemy rained bombs on the defenders.

"The Germans knew the value of the position and were determined to have it all costs. Our lads were just as determined they should not have it. One furious attack by picked troops succeeded in getting into the trench.

"The triumph was short lived. Counter-attacking with bayonet and bomb the Men of Kent drove them out. The close quarter lighting

was the deadliest I have ever seen in this war.

"As the Huns dashed forward to the attack they were so sure of their victory that they kept calling on the Kentish men to surrender. 'Come and take us!' was the scornful reply. An unbroken line of

bayonets barred further progress.

"The Huns own Artillery fired apparently with the object of shelling the ground behind the West Kents, but their fire fell short, and shells burst among the attackers. Disorder became a rout, and the attacking column disappeared. After that it was only artillery and machine-gun fire, and then relief came.'

"A Proper Strafing."

"We had a fine time; plenty of good scrapping," was the opinion of a non-commissioned officer of the regiment. "We gave them a proper

'strafing.' Their dead even overflowed into our trenches.

'In one attack we actually took prisoners. They were fairly staggered. They declared they thought they were fighting a whole army.

"We could hear the roar of our own guns all the time. That livened us up. Later we could also hear the nearing rifle fire, and the continual passage to the rear of German wounded and stragglers let us know we were not forgotten.

"As the second day wore on occasionally we heard the cheers of our comrades fighting their way through to us. At that moment a sudden attack was made on us by fresh troops. We were a bit done up, but we were not going to be downed at that very moment, so we just rolled up our sleeves, so to speak, and settled down to the last round.

"Fritz came up gamely enough, but we were just warming up to our work. He got it fairly and squarely between the eyes. 'It was a blow

that gave him the staggers.

"He stumbled over toward the ropes, as you might say, and collapsed in a heap. He was counted out for sure, and when he did think of opening

his eyes again our boys were dashing like mad across the ground.

"The Huns were in retreat, everywhere, with our troops after them.
Oh, it was a fine sight! 'Bravo, West Kents,' they shouted, 'That's the way to strafe them.

"His Name is Walker."

"It was nothing to make a fuss about," was the comment of a young lieutenant. "But we are naturally proud that our regiment had the privilege of proving to Fritz that his name is Walker or Sprinter now on the Western Front.

"Some of their best troops were in it. They shouted for the Kaiser nearly all the time. We did our talking with bayonet, bomb, and bullet.

That's the sort of talk that pays best in the long run. The other sort

has often begun a war, but never ended one yet, and never will.

"The sweetest music is the sound of our guns. It's a pleasure to lie

awake at night and listen to it, no matter how tired you are.

"Considering it was the first time many of our men were under fire, they behaved splendidly. They are pleased to find that they have been mentioned in dispatches. They will be more pleased when they hear what the Commander-in-Chief has to say to them."

Evening Standard, July 18th.

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The captain organised his men with remarkable skill, and the result was that not only did they establish several small strong points which they successfully held against tremendous odds, but inflicted casualties estimated at 150, including 35 prisoners. At 8 a.m. on the following morning relief arrived, and, in consequence of dogged maintenance of their position by the West Kents, the relief troops were enabled to develop a systematic clearance of the wood. The episode is indeed reminiscent of Rorke's Drift.

Another thrilling adventure befel during the course of the same night at the temporary battalion headquarters of the West Kents, on the southern fringe of the wood. The enemy barrage had become so fierce that officers and men at this spot were driven to seek cover wherever they could find it.

An Inferno.

In leed, old soldiers who had been through Loos, Neuve Chapelle, and other great fights of the campaign say that they never experienced anything like this inferno. Suddenly the fire lengthened, and a large party of Boches came swooping upon the ruins of the battalion headquarters. There was a hoarse shout of "Stand to!" and the officers and some signallers and orderlies who bappened to be present-the whole party not numbering more than about a dozen-seized rifles and bombs and put up such a fine counter-attack that they drove their assailants off.

Kent Messenger, July 22nd.

The Royal West Kent Regiment at Trones Wood. " Quo fas et Gloria Ducunt."

Proud mothers live in Kentish homes to-day, And fathers, who are sires of sons like those Who held inviolate, for two long days, That post of honour on the British front. True to the motto on their colours borne They, following in the path of glory, died. No nobler names are limn'd on honour's roll; Nor Marathon, nor fam'd Thermopolæ, Eclipse the gallant deeds of those brave sons, Who held that shell-torn wood in stricken France, And still untarnish'd on their 'scutcheon bear Their proud "Invicta!"

T. H. OYLER.

From Lands End to John o' Groats, from the coast of Norfolk to the West of Ireland, the name of the West Kents is on the lips of all. And not only through the British Isles have their deeds of valour And not only through the British Isles have their deeds of valour spread. There is not a country in Europe to-day where their name and fame are not known. Verily Kent as a county has reason to be proud of the sons. "Give them a job and they'll do it," inadequately expresses the stuff of which both Kentish Men and Men of Kent are made. How shall we measure our debt of gratitude to these brave fellows? If we can't fight with them we can at least thank God for them and remember them night and morning in our prayers. Meanwhile we must not forget those upon whom all the anxiety falls—the fathers, the mothers, the sisters, the lovers, to say nothing of the "little things they've left behind them." hind them.'

L'Echo de Paris, July 17th, 1916, and of the

A Glorious Episode in the Eattle of the Wood of Trones.

Heroic Resistance of a Detachment of Royal West Kent Regiment at the English Front 16th July, 1916.

The struggle which has been taking place from the lith to the ltth be the ltth to the ltth to the ltth to the vood of Trones, which now is completely free of dermans, has been full of dramatic and exciting incidents. The Forest, now laid base, base of which, sometimes the English and sometimes the Germans, the course of which, sometimes the English and sometimes the Germans, is at times of which, sometimes the English and sometimes the Germans, as it may be not set than the advantage. I have beard from one source, that no less than laid, when our gallant Allies assumed the offensive in force, that they were usually and the definitely turning the Germans out of the Wood of Thomas and the Germans out of the Wood of Thomas and the Germans out of the Wood of the Germans out of the Mood of the Germans of the Mood of the Germans of the Mood of the

One of the episodes, and a most thrilling one, in this battle—so hotly contested—has been briefly alluded to in the British Official communication.

A detachment of the Royal West Kent Regiment, separated for two days from its main body, was relieved on the 14th July by British Troops.

Yesterday, I was lucky enough to meet in an Ambulance, behind the Lines, one of the 230 heroes, who for more than 48 hours, isolated from the rest of the world, stolidly resisted the most furious assaults.

It was on the night of the Hth-12th July that this little force, with had been terrific fighting going on in the northern part of the Wood Finally, the English had remained in possession of the ground. But a night-fall, the Germans returned in force and succeeded, at the cost of enormous losses, in re-conquering the Northern corner of the Wood of Frones. The Soldiers of the Royal West Kent Regiment, who were nothing the advanced trenches, received the order to rettre, but a certain funding the advanced trenches, received the order to rettre, but a certain mumber of them, handicapped by the darkness, were unable to rejoin the work of the first comrades. They remained crouching in shell-holes till day-break. He were then that they remained crouching in shell-holes till day-break. It was then that they remained theore wind did not immediately discover every side. Very forbunately, the enemy did not immediately discover every side, Very forbunately, the enemy did not immediately discovery from that they were surfamed by discovery resortin, which still afterded as certain amount of shelter. They hid themselves there, but they were not left long in peace.

On the 12th July, about 11 o'clock in the morning, one of those on the look-out discovered a German patrol approaching, and it was evidently bent on searching this Fortin.

The "Tommies" resolved to fight to the death. They let the Germans approach within a few yards of them—then suddenly rising from their places of concealment, they burled themeslves on the Boches, and as alarm, they only used the bayonet. The day passed without further incident, but in the evening there was a fresh alarm raised. This filme, it was a column marching to reinforce the enemy, and they were coning quite close. The Officer, who was in command, apparently seeing this "Fortin" selected it as a place where he would halt, results to the other than the officer, who was in command, apparently seeing this "Fortin" selected it as a place where he would halt,

The British Officers did not lose their heads. They waited while the Germans called a half and piled their arms. Then suddenly they gave the signal for an attack. A vertiable panic selzed the enemy when the British soldiers burst upon them. Abandoning their arms and equipment, the Germans bolted.

However, all danger was not yet over. A few hours later a fresh German detachment appeared on the scene—and this time the other knew quite well where the English were, and the first thing they did was to take the precaution of completely encircling the Fortin. From that time for yover 24 hours, there was a constant succession of desperate the brave men, attempted to take the Redonbt by assault. Each fighting. A score of times the derinans, exasperated by the resistance of these brave men, attempted to take the Redonbt by assault. Each sammuniton was giving out; men were suffering with thirst, and there ammand the later than the resistance on the later were repulsed. The situation, bowever, was becoming critical, ammunitor were suppressed to one had here at great many men wounded, although by a miracle not one had been actually killed up to that time. About 7 o'clock in the evening on the 13th July a German has of truce approached. The bearer summoned the little band to surrender, hefore being attacked again in greater force.

Killed, but were not prepared to surrender.

An hour later British Troops began to arrive, just at the moment that the Germans, who were resolved on overcoming all resistance, were about to launch a further attack on the "Fortin," That was the salvation of rhis gallant band of men.

At dawn next morning, Artillery firing suddenly ceased. Three quarters of an hour later heavy intantry firing was heard a few hundred yards from the Fortin, and following up a crowd of Boches, who akidadeled as hard as their legs could carry them, there appeared on the scene men in khaki. Thus, this gallant detachment was relieved.

When the General came up and questioned the Officer in Commonded, but not one man taken prisoner."

When the General came up and questioned the Officer in Command of this little band of heroes, as to what were the losses in the detachment, he received this reply:—"A few killed, a great many wounded, but not one man taken prisoner."

The following account appeared in the "Echo de Paris" and other French papers. We give the original and also a translation:-

Un Clorieux episode de la Bataille du Bois des Troncs.

La résistance héroique d'un Detachement du (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Da front anglais, 16 juillet.

La lette qui s'est déroulée du 11 au 14 juillet dans le bois des Trônes, aujours'hui complètement débarrassé d'Allemands, a été fertile en incidents dramatiques et émouvants.

Celle Torel, completement rase, a été le théâtre de combats achamés, meurtriers, sanglants, au cours desquels tantôt les Anglais, tantôt les Anglais, tantôt les Anglais, tantôt les Allemands prirent l'avantage. Un combattant m'a allivmé qu'elle est passée six lois de mains en mains. Ce n'est que je 14 juillet que nos vaillants allies, prenant résolument l'offensive, reussirent à rejeter définitivement les Allemands du bois des Trônes.

L'un des épisodes les plus tragiques de cette bataille si âprement disputé, a été brièvement relaté dans un communique anglais. Un détachement du Royal West Kent Regiment, séparé depuis deux jours du gros de ses forces, fut délivré le 14 juillet par les troupes britanniques.

J'sit eu la bonne fortune de voir hier, dans une ambulance de l'arrière, l'un des 230 hèros qui durant plus de quarante-huit heures, Isolés du reste du monde, résistèrent infassablement et stofquement aux

O'est dans la mult du II au I2 juillet que la petite troupe, que commandaient trois officiers, se trouva séparée de son régiment. Toute la mandaient trois officiers, se trouva séparée de son régiment. Touble finalement les Anglais étaient restes maîtres du terrain. Mais, à la de pertes énormes, à reconquérir la corne nord du bois des l'rônes. Les soldats du Royal West fient Régiment, qui tenaient les tranchées avancées, requirent l'ordre de se replier, mais un certain nombre, trompés par l'obscurfié ne purent rejoindre leurs canarades. His resterent plottis dans des trous d'obus jusqu'au jour, A ce moment, ils constatèrent plottis dans des trous d'obus jusqu'au jour, A ce moment, ils constatèrent qu'ils étaient entourés d'Allemands de toutes parts.

Fort heureusement l'ennemi ne s'en aperçut pas tout de suite. Cela permit à la petite troupe de gagner en rampant un fortin, dont quelques abris étaient restés indemnes. Ils s'y dissimulèrent.

Le calme ne fut pas de longue durée. Le 12, vers 11 heures du matin, un guetteur donna l'alerte. Une patrouille allemande s'approchat, venant reconnaître le fortin. Décidés à tout, nos tommies laissèrent avancer les Allemands lusqu'à quelques mètres d'eux, puis, surgissant brusquement de leure cachettes, ils se jetèrent sur les Boches, et ayant recu l'ordre de ne pas tirer, afin de ne pas jeter l'alarme, il les passèrènt à la baronnette.

La journée se passa sans autre incident. Mais le soir, nouvelle alerte. Cette fois, c'était une colonne en marche se dirigeant vers la bataille, toute proche, lusfement l'officier qui la commandait choisti le fortin, qu'il croyait abandonné, pour y établir son poste de commande nement, less officiers anglais ne perdirent pas leur sangtroid, ils altem dirent que les Allemands aient tait haite et mis leurs fusils en taisceaux. Alors, soudain, ils donnérent le signal de l'attaque. A la vue des soldats anglais il y eut dans les rangs ennemis une véritable pandque. Abananglais il y eut dans les rangs ennemis une véritable pandque. Abananglais il y eut dans les rangs ennemis une véritable pandque. Abananglais il leurs armes et leurs equipements, les Allemands prirent la fuite.

Copendant tout danger n'était pas écarté. Quelques heures plus tard, de nouveaux détachements allemands apparurent. L'ennemi connaissait, cette fois, la présence des Anglais, et sa première précaution fut d'enune série de combats acharnes. Vingri fois, les Allemands exaspérés par une série de combats acharnes. Vingri fois, les Allemands exaspérés par la résistance de cette polgnée de braves, tentérent de prendre la redouté d'assant; chaque fois, ils furent repoussés,

La situation, néanmoins, devenait critique. Les munitions s'épulsalent: les hommes souffraient de la soit, et les blessés étalent nombreux. Par miracle, aucun n'avait été tué.

Vers sept heures du soir, le 13 juillet, un parlementaire allemand s'approcha: Il venait sommer le petite troupe de se rendre, avant l'assant suprème. Les officiers répondirent fièrement "que des Anglais se faisaient tuer, mais ne se rendaient pas."

Une heure plus tard, au moment où les Allemands, résolus à enfinir, allaient s'élancer à l'attaque du fortin, la préparation anglaise commenca: c'était le salut,

Enfin, au petit jour, la canonnade cessa brusquement: trois quarts d'heure plus tard, une violente fusiliage crepitait à quelques centaines de mètres ut fortin, et derrière un groupe de fuyards boches, détainnt de butte la vitesse de leurs jambes, apparurent des uniformes kakis. C'était la délivrance.

Quand le général qui dirigeait l'attaque interrogea le commandant de cette polgnée de héros sur les perfes du détachement, il obtint cette réponse: ", Quelques tués, beaucoup de blessés, mais pas un prisonnier:" Le général attira l'officier et, devant les troupe réunies, il lui donna l'accolade.

The following has been sent us by the Officer Commanding 3rd Battalion :-

BOROUGH OF GILLINGHAM,

Town Clerk's Office, Gillingham, Kent. 27th July, 1916.

The Officer Commanding, 3rd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment,

Gillingham, Kent.

SIR, I have the honour to enclose copy of Resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on Tuesday last.

I am sir,

Your obedient servant, F. C. BOUCHER,

Town Clerk.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION.)

Resolved :-"That the Council, at their first meeting after the noble stand of the Royal West Kent Regiment at Trones Wood express their deep pride in its

distinguished gallantry.

"The Regiment has, throughout the present War, maintained its well earned reputation, and the Council, as loyal inhabitants of the County of Kent follow with interest and satisfaction the achievements of a regiment

belonging to Kent,
"The Council desire to express their gratitude to all ranks who are risking their lives in this terrible War for the defence of the British Empire, and in the maintenance of civilization."

From Observer, July 29th.

The King and Queen paid a visit to West Ham Hospital on July 29th. Among the patients was Private Fadden, who was hit with a bullet in Trones Wood. The King was most interested in his story, and asked to be shown the effect of an explosive bullet hit. Dr. Powell removed the dressing, and showed His Majesty the wound.

Mr. HYDE'S PICTURE.

Several of our readers have written to enquire whether there was any prospect of Mr. Hyde's picture being engraved.

We have, therefore, approached the Artist on the matter, and he has kindly given permission for this to be done.

The work, however, cannot be undertaken unless a definite guarantee of 100 copies is obtained. The price of each copy will be from £1 1s. od. to £1 2s. 6d. and the size 30in. by 16½in., exclusive of margin, and every copy will be signed by the Artist. As a preliminary measure the Editor will be glad to receive names and addresses of intending subscribers. Cheques should not be forwarded at present.

From the War Dragon.

THE COMPANY ORDERLY ROOM.

(Size, 12 feet x 9 feet).

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.

(A pure invention, of course. Time, 6.40 a,m. or thereabou's).

Enter Orderly Corporal, who causes the man left in charge to be awakened. Orderly Corporal starts the day by hunting for sick report forms. Finding same, looks out to see if there are any sick merchants on the horizon. Spotting some likely clients strolling along the Av. nue,

shouts:—
"Come on, there! Double up! Why the devil don't you come at the proper time? Whoever heard of anyone being ill after 6,40 a.m.? If you don't know the regulations it's time you did. And you, Joyful, can't be

ill without putties on.'

(After filling in a lot of names -one man has to go back, as there is no room for his name on the form—they all clear out to the Doctor, for pills and light duty, and hopes of a day's rest).

7.30 to 8.15 a.m. General commotion in the office.

C.Q.M.S. enters with the staff and wants to know who has had his pen, A private calls to change his bootlades, as they do not fit. Several others attend to help him, many to ask questions. Orderly Corporal discovers a letter left over from the previous day. Orderly Sergeant arrives with the postman. General scramble for letters, and several more of all ranks postman. General scramble for letters, and several more of all ranks turn up. House full. C.S.M. arrives from drill and clears the whole lot

out. In doing so turns out one too many, he being the Assistant Company Accountant. The C.S.M. sits at his desk, which he shares with about four of the casual staff. Enter ever so many more, unnoticed by C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. Some want to change their billets, fourteen require passes, several desire belts and miscellaneous items of equipment, and a number of light duty men with no apparent object in life appear on the scene. The latter vanish quickly.

(Enter Lieut. G.)
Lieut. G.: "Good morning, Company Sergeant-Major." (Does not notice anyone else for a minute or two. Then discovers that he cannot get to his desk). Asks: "What are all these people doing here?"

The Company Sergeant-Major, Sir."
The Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, Sir."
The Orderly Sergeant, Sir."
The Orderly Corporal, Sir."
The Postman, Sir."

Chorus : " I am

The Battalion O. derly Sergeant, Sir."

The Battalion Orderly Corporal, Sir"

The Clerk, being the only one who has a job to do, says nothing. The The Clerk, being the only one who has a job to do, says nothing. The visitors quickly clear out, and as they do so the entrance to the Orderly Room becomes very congested. The Staff remain. C.Q.M.S. commences to add up figures and look for a list that has been mislaid. Starts his first language for the day. Young woman calls and wants to know if she can have a young man in her billet. All present in a great flutter. One hour later fourteen N.C.O.'s and men want to change their billets. Lieut. G. leaves when he has found out where the Company has gone. Then all the previous visitors flock back, to see the C.Q.M.S., who has gone upstairs. In his absence they fill in their spare time by moving his papers from one table to another. C.Q.M.S. returns with slight headache. Cannot find list of billets. Military arrive from drill, read notices on the windows, and call in to ask all manner of questions concerning

Dinner time. Call to arms. Rush for the Dorset. C.Q.M.S. changes

his bille .

2.15 p.m.-All the troops arrive and read the new notice posted outside the Orderly Room :-

"No ADMITTANCE EXCEPT ON BUSINESS."

General Remarks: "That's d ne it!" "Stung!" "About the limit!" "No hopes!" etc.

D.S.

There is a tale that a defaulter of a certain company imagines that his orders "confined to camp" for seven days, represent a kind wish on the part of authorities that he should stay in his tent out of the rain. I cannot vouch for the truth of this theory.

THE BITER BIT.

The second in command of a certain Battalion (A) promoted lately to the command of another Battalion (B) in the same Brigade remonstrated the other day with his successor in A Battalion as to the annexation of certain stores, the property of B Battalion, when he received the following reply: "Well, The fellowing conversation took place in the Mess of one of our Battalions:

MESS GUEST: "Is your Colonel a full Colonel?"

JUNIOR SUB: "Oh! no, he is tall and quite slender."

IN MEMORIAM.

We much regret to record the death of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. A. We much regret to record the death of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. A. THICKNESSE, who was, for a considerable time, Brigade-Major of the Kent Brigade, and well-known and highly esteemed by all in that Brigade. He left to take command of his old Regiment, the Somerset Light Infantry, last August and was killed in the recent advance. He was the youngest son of Bishop Thicknesse, of South Luffenham Hall, Stamford, and Minster Precincts, Peterborough, and grandson of Ralph Thicknesse, for many years M.P. for Wigan. He was educated at Charterhouse and received his commission in the Somerset L. L. in 1800. He took part in the Chitral Expedition of 1801. Wigan. He was educated at Charterhouse and received his commission in the Somerset L I, in 1890. He took part in the Chitral Expedition of 1895 and in the South African War in 1902. At the outbreak of war he was acting as Brigade-Major to the Kent Territorial Brigade, and he was appointed to command a battalion of his regiment in August, 1915. Colonel Thicknesse, who was mentioned in despatches last month, was killed while leading his men into action on July 1st. He was 46 years of age. He married, in 1897, Phyllis, daughter of the late Henry Woodcock, of Bolnore, Haywards Heath, and leaves two cops and a daughter. and leaves two sons and a daughter.

C.S.M. Reginald Percy Page, of the Norfolk Regiment, killed in action in France, on July 21st, had seen 12 years' service with our 2nd Battalion previous to the outbreak of war. For his gallantry in the field he had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and recommended for the Military Medal. He will be much regretted by his old comrades.

News from the Battalions.

2nd BATTALION.

LIEUT. COLONEL R. J. WOULFE FLANAGAN (Commanding).

Our heartiest congratulations are offered to Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Woulfe Flanagan on his promotion to substantive rank, and to Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Kitson on his D.S.O., also to Captains C. F. Battye and

O. G. R. Barnes on their promotion.

G. R. Barnes on their promotion.

An extract from Divisional Orders, re-published in our Brigade

An extract from Divisional Orders, "Officers commanding units in Orders, may amuse lovers of animals. the Division who have mules under their command other than supply and transport mules, should provide themselves with the repairing material necessary for their requirements." In compliance with the above we asked for two hind legs and a tail, just to go on with.

A postcard has been received from Captain Dinwiddy, saying he is

at Angora and is well.

3rd BATTALION.
LIEUT.-COLONEL C. D. BARROW (Commanding).

Two cricket matches have been played, but we have to record defeat in each instance. Playing Sutton Valence, at Maidstone, we could only make 76, to which our opponents replied with 157. Lieut. Sewell bowled well taking five wickets. On the last Saturday in the month we met the Royal Engineers with a very depleted team, owing to continual calls for drafts. Batting first on an excellent wicket, our opponents kept us in the field all the afternoon while they made the useful score of 203. We were all dismissed for 86, the only bright feature of the innings being 2nd Lieut. Molony's contribution. He carried his bat through the innings for 44 without making a mistake. Further drafts of Officers have left us this month to join the B.E.F., while as we write another large draft has been placed under orders. Although we cannot give the actual figures, the record of the Battalion in the matter cannot give the actual figures, the record of the Battalion in the matter of supplying officers is a very fine one, probably second to none, and we have officers serving in practically every war area, some with our own Regiment and many with various other Regiments.

Recruits still continue to come in, and the arduous work of training proceeds without a hitch. The most forward of the recent arrivals have now reached the muskerry part of their training, and we hear excellent reports of their work on the ranges, which is very gratifying to those responsible for their training.

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The following officers have left the Battalion during the month:-Second Lieuts. Clarabut, Dyson, Denton, Cray, F. I. Harrison and Colt-

man, to Expeditionary Force.

The following Officers have joined during the same period:—Major C. M. Allfrey, Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., Lieut. R. L. Travers, Captain Snelgrove, 2nd Lieuts. Moffat, Arnaud, Higgins, Johnson, Baker, Bullman, Craig Kelly, Layton, Hart-Dyke, Eason, Butler and Miles.

1/4th BATTALION.
LIEUT. COLONEL C. N. WATNEY, T.D. (Commanding).

I confess to having difficulty in finding anything to relate that appears likely to be of real interest. With the greater proportion of our Battalion away at various hill stations, things at Headquarters are necessarily very quiet, and the few that remain here are usually too fully occupied with the somewhat monotonous round of regimental and garrison duties to be able to aspire to anything, either in the strictly military or recreative line that is worthy of record.

One event, however, has tended to stir us up out of our lethargy, and that is the arrival of a draft from England. They reached the station on June 13th. The privates are practically all Derby recruits, and have been drawn from the 5th Battalion Administrative Depot. Curiously enough, however, comparatively few of them belong to our own recruiting area, by far the greater proportion hailing from Chatham, Northfleet, Dartford, Bromley, etc., districts, that in ordinary times

are covered by the 5th Battalion rather than the 4th-

They had a somewhat wearying voyage, being just over five weeks on the water, although one or two exciting episodes with submarines and a stay of over a week at Port Said are reported to have considerably relieved the monotony. The transport after calling at Karachi and draft, men for the Middlesex Regiment and other details. Our draft remained at Bombay until the following Saturday evening, when a special train conveyed them as far as Deolali, the first rest camp outside Bombay. They arrived there at daybreak on Sunday, and remained till Monday views when they are substrated the saturday and remained till Monday views when they are substrated to the saturday and remained till Monday views when they are substrated to the saturday when they are substrated to the saturday views when they are substrated to the saturday when they are substrated to the saturday of the saturday when they are substrated to the saturday wh

outside Boinbay. They arrived there at daypreak on Sinitary, and remained till Monday night, when they again resumed their journey.

It may, perhaps, be of interest to mention that at Deolali they encountered an old West Kent man in the person of the Garrison Sergeant-Major, by name Mason. He served here in India, and at Aden, etc., with the 1st Battalion, and was, I believe, for some considerable time Provost Sergeant. Like many another pensioner, he came back to

the Colours at the outbreak of the present war, and joined a Service Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, going with them to France. Returning to England he was sent out to India, and had only held his present appointment about a couple of months when our draft arrived.

The journey to Jubbulpore was resumed on Monday night, and this time it was completed without another break, terminating about mid-day on Tuesday. The draft was met at the station by Colonel Watney and several other Officers of the Battalion, and in the absence of the band, who are at Sabathu, were played up to barracks by the drummers. Taken altogether they are quite a likely looking lot, the great majority being capable looking youngsters, who at the end of six months' training should make very creditable soldiers. This training is now occupying the attention of our depleted number of N.C.O.'s at Headquarters, and even at this early stage one already begins to notice

an improvement in their general appearance and carriage,

The rains have now reached Jubbulpore, and consequently the worst part of the heat is over. Up to the present, however, we have not had anything like typical monsoon weather, and the rains, although pretty general, have not been of a particularly heavy description. They have been sufficient, however, to clothe the country in a beautiful covering of brilliant green. The arid expanses of burnt vegetation and sandy waste which surround us during the greater part of the year, seem in the course of a short week to have been almost miraculously replaced by a rapidly growing carpet of verdant pasture. All these things combine to foster a revival of the keen interest taken in sports by the Battalion generally, but which, however, necessarily flags a little during the hot weather. Football and hockey are again being vigorously indulged in, and the majority of the several grounds at our disposal are fully occupied every evening. Amongst the Officers are a number of Rugby enthusiasts, and they have again managed to get together quite a creditable fifteen from the ranks of the Battalion. Several matches have already been played, and in each case so far success has attended their efforts. The Rugger season here, however, is necessarily a short one. At all other times the ground is far too hard for this vigorous form of sport to be indulged in.

Four more of the Battalion have left us for England, sailing on the 14th ult. Three of these, C.Q.M.S. F. Corke, Sergt. A. Rogers, and Pte Davies, have been recommended and accepted for commissions, while the fourth, Co. Sergt.-Major Carpenter, has been recommended for service at home on medical grounds.

Yet another of our Officers is leaving the Battalion temporarily, Captain Kelsey having been ordered to take over the duties of Commandant of the Sanatoria Depot at Mount Abu. Quite a big proportion of our Officers are now away on either permanent or temporary staff or other employment No less than four are holding appointments as Station Staff Officers, namely, Captain Cheale, Pachmarhi; Captain Norman, Sabathu; Captain Henson, Mhow; and Lieut, Trought, Jubbulpore. Both our Majors are also away. Major Cohen being Commandant at Pachmarhi, and Major Robb holding an appointment as D.A.A.G. on the Divisional Staff.

4/4th BATTALION.
LIEUT.-COLONEL C. DISNEY-ROEBUCK (Commanding).

Three large drafts have left us during the last month; so, although the rest of this article is concerned chiefly with recreation, it must not be presumed that work is neglected. Quite the reverse. Longer hours, a more varied syllabus, a new "system" of training, and a new "Second in Command" (to whom we offer a very hearty welcome) all combine to keep our present object in life very much to the fore.

There are "events" though in the hours of recreation, and such

should certainly be chronicled.

In the "Group" Sports on June 28th Sergeant Pepper romped home in the Veterans' Race in fine style, while our tug-of-war team, coached in a few hours by R.S.M. Hyde, reached the semi-final.

Shooting on both miniature ranges is more strongly supported than ever, while the event in the game, namely cricket, has been the defeat of our former civilian conquerors. Scores:—

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2/5th BATTALION.

LIEUT. COLONEL E. BASSET WILLIS (Commanding).

Since our last correspondence we have, as anticipated, left our winter quarters and had a short spell under canvas. Our stay, however, was very brief, less than a month as a matter of fact. We are

8th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. C. PARKER (Commanding).

All news from this Battalion has been Censored.

9th BATTALION.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J DANIELL (Commanding).

It is very hard this month to find you any "intelligence," Mr. Editor, partly because virtually nothing out of the ordinary has taken place, and partly because owing to the Censor's restrictions we are obliged to omit many little bits of news that otherwise we should like to record.

The work of training has kept us very busy all day and every day, and this leaves us no time for recreation till after tea. I suppose we may not even say what our training consists of, but anyhow all ranks will agree that it takes the form of a good long day's work, and the good result is apparent in the drafts that we have sent away.

As to cricket, we had a match v. Lancing College on Saturday, July 1st. Our team declared at 220 for eight wickets, and Lancing got 150 for four wickets.



now in a Hutment Camp, and in quite the finest training centre we have yet struck. There is great speculation as to our next move, and hopes run high of something, but let us "Wait and see."

We marched to our present station—a three days' trek—and started on the morning of receiving the news of the splendid doings of our comrades in the Trones Wood. The Colonel read the news to the Battalion as it paraded for the march and called for three cheers for the men who had so gloriously upheld the traditions of the Queen's Own. It was a fine incentive for our Battalion to do well on the march, and they did.

The Battalion cricket team is progressing favourably, but owing to the moving of the Battalion our fixture list has been seriously interfered with; however, there are many promising players, and I hope to chronicle many wins before the season is finished.

It seems like old times to those of us who marched here on the fourth day of mobilisation with the 1/5th Battalion, now nearly two years ago, to be back again after so long a time, and to some it must bring back visions of a certain hard and cold floor of an old prewery, in which the Battalion was billeted. Things have changed since then, and our present quarters are the last word in hutments.

On Saturday, July 8th, we played Brighton College, which resulted in our favour, our eleven making 282 (Company Q.M.S. W. Matthes 91 not out). The College eleven team made 172.

On Saturday, July 15th, we played the Royal Flying Corps in the Brigade Competition, with the sad result that we compiled only 31, and the Royal Flying Corps 106 for seven wickets.

The ground which our men cultivated between the huts is growing some very promising crops of green stuff, runner beans, lettuces, etc., and the flower beds outside the Orderly Room are particularly neat and gay.

11th BATTALION

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. F TOWNSHEND (Commanding).

The past month has been equally strenuous with those that have gone before. Work has been incessant—play missing. Yet all are cheerful and anxious for the successful prosecution of that which has been commenced so well.

Various changes have been made in the roll of Officers and N.C.O.'s the additional members being welcomed by all.

12th BATTALION.

LIEUT-COLONEL A. G. JEFFREYS (Commanding).

It is regretted that this, our "Initial" report, is somewhat late, but the delay may be accounted for by the continual rush of recruits during the last three months and the consequent pressure on the Headquarters Staff.

We have experienced billets, canvas (this during no pleasant weather), and are now comfortably "ensconced" within "Whitewashed walls," but for how long, well—"One never knows."

The training has been fast and furious, but there's no grumbling. We remember we're sending men to Service Battalions which have heaped honours like "Trones Wood" on our roll in the field.

Our first draft has already gone overseas, and on the programme of a very successful concert held on the evening before its departure the names of several comrades of the boys who fought so gallantly in that engagement deserve special mention. Of the officers, 'apiain Knight and 2nd Lieut. Hinge, kept the audience in roars of laughter with their humorous songs. Sergt. Shaw and Corpl. Stevens also kindly rendered assistance. We feel certain that, with the sound training they have received and the "high spirits" in which they left us, that they will uphold the glorious traditions of the Queen's Own," and do themselves credit wherever their services are required. The boys gave them a very hearty send-off, as did also large numbers from other units in our Brigade, and it was noticeable everywhere what a fine body of men they were. May good luck go with them, "Quo fas et gloria ducunt."

Our newly formed string band was in attendance under the conductorship of Bandmaster Blake, and was a great success.

Many thanks are due to the Adjutant, Lieut. R. D. Jackson, for his hard work in organising this concert.

We have also to our sorrow lost a good many of our Officers who have been with us from formation, Captain Kepp-Page, Lieut. Fraser, 2nd Lieut. Knott and 2nd Lieut. Hall, together with several others, having gone overseas. (Their popularity was evident from the send-off they received on departure for leave before proceeding somewhere in ______. We wish them the best of luck.

The Battalion Cricket Team is not doing quite so well as was expected. Of four matches played one has been won, one has been tied, and two lost, but we are hoping with practice to do better things in the future. We have a good fixture list and plenty of talent, and with luck should come out on top at the finish of the season. We have had the well-known Kent cricketer, R. N. R. Blaker, serving with us, but unfortunately his services have been commandeered several times for higher class cricket, where he has given a good account of himself. He has since gone to join a Cadet Battalion, and we hope in a few months time to see him again with us with one "star" up.

Needless to say, with our passion for music, we have formed "Some" band, which at the outset seemed to have very little or no appreciation for harmony; however, they are now going "strong" and we are quite proud of them.

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the following men of the Regiment:—

5603 Pte. W. J. Bush.

2696 Pte. H. A. Frewer.

3192 Pte. E. J. Judd.

BRITISH WOUNDED IN SWITZERLAND.

The following officers of the Regiment, wounded and Prisoners of War, arrived in Switzerland on August 12th:—Captain C. Hutchinson, 8th Battalion, wounded at Loos, September 15th; Lieutenant A. A. E. Chitty, 1st Battalion, wounded at Mons, August 14th. The former is at Chateau d'Oex, and the latter at Mürren.

A letter from Captain Hatton has been received by his relatives, saying that he is wounded and Prisoner of War in the Camp Infirmary at Güterslon, but that his wounds are nearly healed. He also gives the names of the following men who are wounded and prisoners:—Lance-Corporal Beasley (B), and Privates Kemsley (C), Ryan (A), and Bugg (B).

REPATRIATED PRISONER.

Private Joseph Simpson, one of our men who has been a Prisoner of War in Germany, has been repatriated and arrived in England on August 8th. The Battalion to which he belongs is not given, nor his Regimental Number.

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Major T. R. C. Price, Welsh Guards, who served for some years in the 1st Battalion, has been appointed a G.S.O. 2nd Grade.

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2nd Lieut, F. Mills, 8th Battalion, has been appointed to the Adjutancy of the Battalion, with the rank of Temporary Lieutenant.

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Lieut. L. H. Cooper, 3rd Batt, has been transferred to the Hampshire Garrison Battalion, with the temporary rank of Captain, and Second Lieut. F. T. Mansfield, 3rd Battalion, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant

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Cadet W. J. Ewen has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion.

Colonel (Temp. Brigadier-General) F. F. Johnson, C.B., has been appointed a Temporary Major-General.

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Temp. Second Lieutenants W. F. Gardner and C. W. de Trafford, 9th Battalion, have been transferred to the 12th Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Temp. Second Lieutenant R. W. Scoles, 9th Battalion, has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College have been granted commissions in the Regular Battalions of the Regiment: F. Hart-Dyke, R. H. Miles, A. A. Eason, P. H. Miles and C. J. Butler.

W. Bernard has been appointed Temp. Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, in one of our Service Battalions.

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Second Lieutenants (on probation) in the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment: W. V. Edwards, F. Underwood, C. D. Tirbutt and W. P. Coggins.

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The address of Captain G. D. Lister is now:—
Offizier gefangenen Lager,
Friedburg in Hessen, Germany.

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Captain J. K. Kay, 2nd Battalion, is undergoing a course of instruction in Staff duties.

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Captain N. P. McCleland has been appointed Brigade Bombing Officer in the 13th Brigade.

Lieut. S. R. Paul is attending the 3rd Army School-

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Lieut. R. E. H. Healey, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, is

Lieut. R. E. H. Healey, 3rd Battalion, attached 1st Battalion, is acting as Adjutant, vice Major H. A. Waring, who has been appointed Second in Command.

Captain P. A. Wilson, R. of O., late 1st Battalion, has been appointed Staff Captain, 15th Brigade.

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Lieut. C. H. Windrum, 1st Battalion, has been appointed to the Royal Flying Corps.

Major A. d'E. Knox. Adjutant 3rd Battalion, is now at Clare College, Cambridge, undergoing a course of instruction in Staff duties. Second Lieut. R. H. Levett has taken over the duties of Adjutant.

Cadets H. W. Davison, from the Artists' Rifles O.T.C., and A. J. Catheart have been appointed Temporary Second Lieutenants (on probation) in the 9th Battalion.

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The undermentioned Temporary Second Lieutenants are transferred to Service Battalions from the 9th Battalion:—J. H. Hughes, P. C. Hoyland, H. F. F. Montague, W. G. St. L. Montague, R. S. Hebblethwaite, T. A. Officer, H. T. Bond, B. L. M. Apperlay, O. Willis, G. Smith, R. O. Russell and F. F. E. Harnett.

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Second Lieut. (Temp. Lieutenant) H. Bracken, 1st Battalion, Adjutant 20th Batt. King's Liverpool Regiment, has been granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Captain C. W. Case-Morris, 2nd Batt., has rejoined the Depot at Nasirabad from sick leave, and has assumed the duties of Commandant.

Major Sir H. B. Cohen, Bart., 4th Batt., has been appointed an Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer, and is graded for purposes of pay as a Staff Captain.

Lieut. A. Lees, 1st Battalion, has been appointed a Flight Commander in the Royal Flying Corps, and to be Temporary Captain whilst so employed.

Captain E. F. Moulton-Barrett, 1st Battalion, has been appointed D.A.G.M.G., 52nd Division.

Second Lieut. E. F. Bozman, 9th Battalion, has been appointed Signalling Officer in 2nd Battalion The Buffs.

Major G. B. Pirie, 2/5th Battalion, is transferred to the 1/4th Batt.

Lieut. C. Cobb. 2/4th Battalion, who was injured by the accidental explosion of a bomb, is progressing favourably.

Captain T. S. Emery, 3/4th The Buffs, has been attached for duty to our 4/4th Battalion,

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A. G. Stigand has been appointed a Temp. Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion.

Captain B. Johnstone, 1st and 2nd Batts., has been promoted Major.

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Sergt H. T. Gregory, from a Service Battalion, Dorset Regiment, has been given a commission as Second Lieutenant (on probation) in our 7th Battalion.

2nd Lieutenants L. G. Hopkins and E. H. Heppenstall, 9th Bàttalion, have been transferred to a Service Battalion, Royal Berks Regiment.

Cadet R. J. G. Cartwell, from the Artists' Rifles O.T.C., has been given a commission as Second Lieutenant (on probation) in one of our Territorial Battalions.

Company Sergeant-Major C. Stringer has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, with gratuity.

Temp. Second Lieutenant C. R. Richardson, 6th Battalion, has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

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Lieut. E. A. Sharpin, 1st Battalion, has been granted the rank of Temp. Captain (without pay and allowances of that rank) whilst employed as a Brigade Signalling Officer.

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants (on probation) in the 12th Battalion: J. Lindsay and C. E. Phipps.

Temp. Captain W. R. Warren (Hon, Lieutenant in the Army), who has been serving at the Depot since October, 1914, has been compelled ta relinquish his commission on account of ill-health.

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The undermentioned Second Lieutenants have been granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant: 3/5th Bait—C. E. Stern, H. L. Beeston, S. J. Southerton and L. Taylor.

Lieut, A. G. Balbernie, 2nd Battalion, has been promoted Captain.

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Temp. Second Lieut. R. B. Wann, 9th Battalion, has been appointed a Balloon Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

Temp. Second Lieutenants K. P. Keywood and F. Russell, 9th Battalion, have been transferred to the Army Cyclist Corps.

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The undermentioned Cadets have been granted commissions as Temporary Second Lieutenants on probation: 9th Battalion—S. E. Wadey. 12th Battalion—F. Proctor, J. C. Orchardson, N. W. Akhurst, R. Kerr, C. H. Dann, R. G. Cockson, G. A. Ward, H. G. Driffield, E. J. W. Ely, W. H. G. Griffiths and R. Maltby.

The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants of 9th Battalion to be Temp. Lieutenants: H. C. Hopkins and L. Hinge.

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The undermentioned Temporary Second-Lieutenants from the 9th Batt. are transferred to the Machine Gun Corps:—C. G. G. Gilbert, A. C. Godding, H. S. Ayres, and C. W. Curry.

Lieutenant W. Wilberforce, Reserve of Officers, has been promoted Captain with-seniority of December 1st, 1915.

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Second-Lieutenants on probation in the 3rd Battalion;—G. H. Fender, C. H. Sewell, K. G. Fryer, and H. E. Fry.

Temporary Second-Lieutenant C. G. Eccles, 8th Battalion, has been granted the temporary rank of Captain, whilst commanding a Company.

Temporary-Lieutenant D. Russell from the 7th Battalion is transferred to the 9th Battalion.

Temporary Second-Lieutenant N. A. Gunnell from the East Surrey Regiment, is transferred to our Garrison Battalion.

The undermentioned Cadets from O.T.C, are appointed Second-Lieuts, on probation in the 3rd Battalion:—R. Watson, J. B. Freeman, and T. R. A. Radeliffe.

The Silver Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, with gratuity, has been awarded to Sergeant H. Wood.

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of The Queen's Own (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT)

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Roll of Konour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of August :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Second-Lieutenant J. A. Fleming.

Second-Lieutenant C. J. Fox.

Second-Lieutenant F. T. Gillett.

Second-Lieutenant H. Lewinstein. Second-Lieutenant C. W. B. Jarvis.

Second-Lieutenant S. E. Dove.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Lieutenant D. H. Skinner.

WOUNDED.

Captain W. M. Ogle.

Captain C. F. Penton.

Lieutenant W. J. Alderman (temp. Captain). Lieutenant W. R. Cobb (temp. Captain) (second time).

Lieutenant M. H. Allen. Lieutenant R. G. Rogers

Second-Lieutenant G. Bullen (temp. Lieut.)

Second-Lieutenant G. F. Peachey.

Second-Lieutenant T. A. Officer.

Second-Lieutenant R. B. Clarabut.

Second-Lieutenant G. F. Doble.

Second-Lieutenant G. M. Gray.

Second-Lieutenant G. de L. Hough (second time). Second-Lieutenant H. G. C. Mann (second time).

Second-Lieutenant C. E. Hemmerde. Second-Lieutenant H. W. Farley. Second-Lieutenant E. B. K. Hunt,

Second-Lieutenant M. S. Judd. Second-Lieutenant L. L. Murray.

Second-Lieutenant C. Clarke.

Second-Lieutenant S. B. Smith.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Second-Lieutenant J. S. Wacher,

Second-Lieutenant R. H. Levett.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED.

Second-Lieutenant E. D. Harrison, attached Manchesters.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Captain C. T. Bennett.

Lieutenant R. E. H. Healey. Lieutenant R. E. H. Healey.

Second-Lieutenant P. F. Cross.

MISSING.

Second-Lieutenant C. H. Compton, attached Manchesters. Second-Lieutenant W. D. Cornford.

Second-Lieutenant D. R. Leatherdale.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING

NOW KILLED.

Second-Lieutenant V. G. Don.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

Captain G. A. L. Hatton.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Second-Lieutenant E. F. Venner, attached Manchesters.

FORMER OFFICERS.

Captain R. A. Paget, Royal Fusiliers (wounded). Captain A. A. C. Dennis, Middlesex (killed).

ATTACHED OFFICER.

Lieutenant P. L. Watkin Williams, R.A.M.C. (wounded).

Second-Lieutenant J. A. Fleming was killed on the night of July 22nd. On the outbreak of the War he enlisted in the R.A.M.C., and transferred to the Artists' Rifles in November, 1914, and served with their 1st Battalion for six months at the front. He received his commission in the Regiment, together with his younger brother, in August, 1915; another brother is a Second-Lieutenant in the Regiment. No further particulars are available.

Second-Lieutenant C. W. B. Jarvis was killed on July 30th, aged 34. He was for some years in business in London, and later he held an important position in the nitrate industry in Chile. On the outbreak of War he joined the 2nd King Edward's Horse, and in May, 1915, received his commission in the Regiment. He was wounded last December, and went to France in February. He had lately been in command of his company. His Commanding Officer writes: "By his death my Battalion has lost a very gallant and capable officer, who was beloved by both officers and men."

Second-Lieutenant S. E. Dove was killed on August 16th, aged 28. He joined the Artists' Rifles in September, 1914, and received his commission in October, 1915. He was a fine athlete. A fellow officer writes: "He was such a splendid fellow, always cheerful, fearless of danger, and worshipped by his men. Every one in the Battalion, from the Colonel downwards, feels he has sustained a personal loss.'

Second-Lieutenant J. S. Wacher was accidentally killed by a bomb on August 5th. He was 20 years of age, and educated at King's School, Canterbury. He received his commission in December, 1914, and served in France in 1915. A brother officer writes: "His death has cast a gloom over the Battalion, in which he was very popular."

Second-Lieutenant R. H. Levett, whose death occurred after a short illness, was educated at Tonbridge School, and joined the Regiment in January, 1915. For some weeks past he had been acting as Adjutant. He was a most capable officer, and his death is deeply regretted by all ranks of the Battalion. The funeral took place at Brenchley on August 23rd, and was attended by the band and a firing party. Six Sergeants acted as bearers.

Second-Lieutenant P. Newbold, who was reported as "Missing, believed killed," in our last issue, was educated at Uppingham and Oriel College, Oxford, where he took a first-class in Classical Moderations in 1908. He was elected to a Craven Fellowship, and also to the Bishop Fraser Fellowship. He enlisted in the West Kent Yeomanry in August, 1914, receiving his commission in the Regiment in January, 1915. He went to the Front last December, and met his death in the fight in Trones Wood on July 13th. No further particulars are available.

Captain A. C. Dennis joined our 7th Battalion in September 1914, and received his first commission in it the following November, and in June this year was given a Company in the Middlesex Regiment He was wounded on July 14th, and died in Hospital at Rouen on the 27th. His Commanding Officer writes: "Not a man in his Company but will be sad indeed to hear the news, and all the officers regret the loss of such a comrade and so good an officer. He is a very great loss to the Regiment and to the service, and a personal one to me, for he was the most engaging, soldierly personality I have known for a long, long time."

We have been unable to obtain any information regarding the other officers reported killed.

N.C.O.'s AND MEN. KILLED IN ACTION.

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2406	Pte. E.	Acott.	1 15	Pto. F. Colwell
1547			5122	Pte. S. Hare
2095	Pte. G.	K. Axelby. B. Candler. J. Clark. Cogdell V. Crittle Ford. J. Fowler. Hampton. Haworth. W. Jeeves.	1179	Pte. J. Hurven
1670	Pte. T.	J. Clark.	4787	LeCorpl. G. Johnson
2363	Pte. A.	Cogdell.	6592	Pte. A. Rickard
3949	Pte. W	. Crittle	324	Pte. W. Soanes
2335	Pte. R.	Ford.	5081	LcCorpl. H. Watson
1432	Pte. E.	J. Fowler.	10168	Pte. F. Winter
1198	Pte. T.	Hampton.	7358	Pte. A. Wright
2260	Pte. A.	Haworth.	11179	Pte. O. Farrance
1466	Pte. G	. W. Jeeves.	1007	Pte. C. Filmer
2011	Pte. T	Lewis L. A. Neacock	1109	Pte. H. Osborne
3418	Pte. J.	Lewis	1910	Pte. W. Cope Pte. A. Woodman
5218	LCorp	I. A. Neacock.	10055	Pte. A. Woodman
1086	Co. Ser	gtMaj. C. Pearson.	8146	Pte. W. Barnett
1307	Pte. A	G. Pulley.	5131	Pte. B. Batsford Pte. H. Clift
2051	Pte. P.	Taylor.	7963	Pie. H. Gill
8145	Pte. C.	Moore, adt ni noitieu	2389	Pte. R. S. Collins LcCorpl. E. Fairhall
5690	Pie.G.	Ricketts. Brunger.	8424	LCCorpl. E. Fairnan
3211	Pte. A.	Brunger.	3005	Pte. A. Gibbs
1517	Pte J.	Poet.	2249	Corpl. E. C. Heath Pte. W. Holloway
10716	Pte. A.	Poet. J. Miles Ratcliffe	1780 258	LcCorpl. W. Hopkins
11807	Pte. P.	Codfron	5257	Dte I Jawell
6764	Pie. A.	Thompson	4383	Die J. Niven
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9588	Pto W	Phillips	2253	Pte. W. Turner
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2362	Pte B	Arnold	1066	Pte. A. Ayres Pte. P. Wickens Pte. A. Coleman
2217	Pte. L	Arnold Bowles Chambers Chambers	8466	Pte. A. Coleman
	Pte A.	Chambers	7813	Sergt, E. Cook
1081	Pte: E.	L Clift	163	Pte I Hissey
1738	Pte. J.	Chambers L. Clift Collins Cupit Ol. A. Foster Gurney Hawes Hunt E. Langdon A. W. Lewington McGrath Parker Peddleston R. Streatfield G. Wright West Ol. 1. Boggon	5175	Pte. I. Hissey Pte. P. Jaquery
10649	Pte. W.	Cupit	9040	Pte. H. King
1797	LcCorr	ol. A. Foster	897	Pte. S. Scutt
1754	Pte. E.	Gurney	16121	Pte. S. Scutt Pte. C. Waghorn
1238	Pte. H.	Hawes	6519	Sergt, W Whittaker
3197	Pte. G.	Hunt	5012	Pte. F. Wisdom Pte. C. F. Hoffman
1787	Pte. A.	E Langdon	11500	Pte. C. F. Hoffman
1897	Sergt.	A. W. Lewington	5753	Pte. J. Beard
1123	Pte. J.	McGrath A RW 19196	5557	Pte. R. McGregor
11688	Pte. W	. Parker	. 8942	Pte. R. Woolford
1441	Pte. W.	Peddleston	5262	Pte. R. Woolford Pte. W. Cousens Pte. R. Baker
1558	Pte. B.	R. Streatheld	1711	Pte. R. Baker
1764	Pte. S.	G. Wright	1332	Sergt. H. Bartholomew. Pte. W. Carter
10561	Pte. F.	West	603	Pte. W. Carter
10018	LcCorp	pl. J. Boggon		Sergt. W. Coomber
TOOOT	Pte. F.	West Croft Jones	10316	LcCorpl. C. Dyer
5375 1923	Pte. C.	Topog	4978	Pte. S. Gatland
3859	Pto C.	Weeden	2188	Pte. M. Hazelden
2387	Pte. A.	Pandall	8160	Corpl. A. Hepburn
2180	Pte I	Thompson	2201	Corpl. A. Hepburn Pte. T. J. Holmden Corpl. W. Howes
4996	Pte A	G Holmans	2341	Dto P Vince
10847	Pte A	Dixon	2206	Pte. R. King Pte. H. Outred
7989	Pta R	Peirce	10067	Pte. B. Russell
8925	Corpl	W. B. Bridgeman	3731	
11157	Pte. H.	A. Allen	5514	Pte. H. Soutag Pte. W. Trodd
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	Pte. W. Fox	9083	Pte. W. Young
10551	Pte. S. G. Lord		LcCorpl. O. Frick
9542	Pte. G. Pearman	5027	Pte. F. Sadler
3357	Pte. A. Sweeman		LcCorpl. D. Russell
9928	Pte. A. C. Newman		Pte. L. Middleton

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

12357	Pte. A.	Dicks Pentecost Quinnell	'3806 Pte A. Parkes 11707 LcCorpl. E. Robinson 9110 Pte. A. Sacker
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3010	Corpl. A. Adler		Dis m Mane Non
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2913	LcCorpi. w. Beasley	8/50	Pte. W. Pickard
		852	Pte. A. Plumbridge
TTOOL	Pte. A. T. Boar	9196	Pte. T. Purdy
1230	Pte. A. Brown		
10172		391	Pte. H. Reed
2019	Ple. A. Ruri	5794	Pte. G. Richards
+500	Corpl. A. Carpenter Pte. E. Clark	225	Pte. J. Rollins
2210	Pte. E. Clark	227	Pte. H. Rundle
10090	LCCorbi N. Connin	8031	Pte. H. Rundle Pte. J. Russell
0U14	Pte. H. Davis LcCorpl. G. DIX	2738	Pte. J. Santer
040	LcCornl. G Div	94	Cornl H Smith
4590	Pte. E. Dyer	10539	Pte, W. Smith
10995	Pte. R. Elvin	991	Pte. H. Swan
63	Dto E Vivin	5768	Pte. W. Terry
11015	Pte. F. Fox	10842	Dto W Tuley
			Pte. W. Tuley Pte. T. Watson
8804	Pte. C. Golding	10928	Pie. 1. Walson
635	Act. Corpl. W. Gregory	5180	Pte. G. Webster
10374	Pte. A. Hall	5489	Pte. J. Westcott Pte. F. White
10891	Pte J. Harrison	141	Pte. F. White
9076	Pte. J. Harrison Pte. J. Haynes	439	LcCorpl. F. Wood
8108	Pte. J. Haynes Pte. J. Howick Pte. H. Kemsley Pte F. Latter	10441	Pte. S. Yates Pte. J. Hanwright Pte. C. Harding
3178	Dto H Fowlek	320	Pte. J. Hanwright
	Pte. H. Kemsley	10401	Pte. C. Harding
4103		11395	Pte A. Harris
6512	Lc. Corpl. S. Lipscombe	11986	Pte. L. Bowles
3838	Pte. G. Martin		Lc -Corpl F. Frver
11123	Pte. H. Oakley	2339 2049	LcCorpl. F. Fryer Sergt. G. Green
386	Pte. S. Phyall	3960	Pte. H. Layton
8979	Pte. P. Piper	0070	Pte. W. Payne
10897	Pte. W. Pocock	1205	Pte. W. Payne Pte. E. Relf
10524	Pte. H. Redler	1661	Pte A Coulter
6560	Pte. A. Wykes	1001	Pte. A. Coulter Pte. A. Richardson
4957	Pte. R. Andrews	10000	Pte. S. Rose
1322	Pte. J. Aylward	0014	Pte. J. Russell
1059	Dto F Patchelon	10070	Pte. C. Russell
9652	Pte. W. Pecock Pte. H. Redler Pte. A. Wykes Pte. F. Andrews Pte. J. Aylward Pte. F. Batchelor Pte. R. Beavan Pte. W. Bennett Pte. H. Broomfield Pte. G. Brown Pte. W. Burden	10070	Pte. G. Ryan
10457	Dto W Dennett	10849	Pte. J. Skeggs
	Pte. W. Bennett	3/9	Pte. W. H. Smith
10083	Ple. H. Broomheid	3809	Pte. A. Stevens
4753	Pte. G. Brown Pte. W. Burden	357	Pte. J. Taylor
5163	Pte. W. Burden	4393	Pte. R. Titchener Pte. V. Venner
31	Pte. F. Butter	540	Pte. V. Venner
10565	Pte. W. Burden Pte. F. Butler Pte. J. Carter Pte. G. Cobley Corpl. S. Cross Pte. C. Dawson	2668	Pte. T. Webb
6408	Pte. G. Cobley	266	Corpl. W. Weller
347	Corpl. S. Cross	126	Corpl. E. Wheeler
140	Pte, C. Dawson	5558	Pte. W. Wilson
10616	LcCorpl. B. Dutnall	10561	Corpl. W. Weller Corpl. E. Wheeler Pte. W. Wilson Pte. F. Wooley
6668	LcCorpl. R. Elliott	169	LcCorpl. T. Young Pte. C. S. Whitehead
4583	LcCorpl. R. Elliott Pte. G. Evans	8396	Pte. C. S. Whitehead
537			Pte. W. Hardy Pte. J. Hills
11107	Dte F Giblen	4	Pte. J. Hills
0700	Dto E Coodwin	1840	Pte. G. Dickenson
8309	Dto H Horman	1765	Pte. T. Green
6763	Pie. H. Haggar	10889	Pte. T. Green Pte. W. Jackson Pte. A. Mankey
10087	Pie. A. Haruing	2066	Dte A Mankey
10691	Pie. W. Harrison	11984	Pte. J. Pettitt
10096	Pie. H. Hellesey	2173	Pte. H. Young
534	Lc. Sergt. A. Jenner.	3946	Pte. F. Miller
6452	LcCorpl, W. Fuller Pte. E. Giblen Pte. F. Goodwin Pte. H. Hargar Pte. A. Harding Pte. W. Harrison Pte. H. Henesey LcSergt. A. Jenner Pte. F. Kirby	3940	Pic. F. Miller
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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW KILLED

26792 Pte. C. Burton

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

7403 Pte. F. Hanmore 4806 Pte. T. Harvey 10240 Pte. A. Skilton 12510 Pte. W. Copeland 2610 Corpl. A. Marsh

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW DIED OF WOUNDS.

2627 Pte. H. Watson

PREVIOUSLY MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR.

6197 Pte. J. Drury

6701 Lc.-Corpl. T. Wright

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED, NOW WOUNDED.

10929 Pte. R. Page

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW WOUNDED AND NOT MICSING.

1268 Pte. J. Greenwood

PRISONER OF WAR.

9406 Pte. C Parrott

N.B.—"Killed in Action" includes "Died of Wounds;" and "Wounded," included "Shell Shock" or "Concussion" and "Gas Poisoned."

WOUNDED. Pte. J. Blackford
Lc.-Corpl. R. Humphreys
Pte. A. Miles
Pte. J. Scripps
Pte. H. Smith
Pte. J. Todman
Pte. T. Arnold
Lc.-Corpl. W. Alexander
Pte. J. Amos
Pte. G. Andrews
Pte. W. Avis
Pte. W. Avis
Pte. C. Patenden
Pte. J. Bashford
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Pte. C. Pattenden
Pte. J. Froctor
Pte. D. Saunders
Pte. J. Troctor
Pte. D. Saunders
Pte. T. Stillman
Pte. E. Tancock
Pte. T. Stillman
Pte. E. Tancock
Pte. T. West
Pte. J. Corpl. L. West
Pte. J. Pre. T. Wickham
R. Lc.-Corpl. A. Williams
Esergt. C. Young
Pte. J. Stearne
Pte. J. Storter
Pte. J. Stearne
Pte. J. Swan
Pte. J. Sapin
Pte. J. Sapin
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Pte. J. Shorter
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Pte. 21 Pte. J. Allen 10488 Pte. C. Ansett 6660 Pte. A. Banks 812 Pte. G. Bennett Pte. G. Bennett
Pte. C. Blackman
Pte. J. Boxell
Pte. T. H. Broad
Lc.-Corpl. C. Bryant
Pte. E. Chatt
Pte. E. Chatt
Pte. H. Clark
Pte. W. Crundwell
Pte. R. Edgar
Pte. E. Fairbrother
Lc.-Sergt. F. H. Fischer
Pte. J. Fuller
Corpl. W. H. Glanville
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Pie. R. A. Manktelow
Pie. W. Martin
Pie. G. Mason
Pie. L. Mayatt
Pie. O. Millgate
Lc.-Corpl. O. Andrews
Pie. W. Armitage
Pie. W. Barham
Pie. J. H. Bennett
Pie. F. Boorman
Pie. E. T. Bradford
Pie. G. Brown
Pie. E. G. Chidwick
Pie. E. G. Chidwick
Pie. E. Collins
Pie. H. Durey
Lc.-Corpl. G. Evenden
Pie. P. Firminger
Lc.-Corpl. G. Evenden
Pie. P. Gallop
Pie. A. Goddard
Pie. J. Greenwood
Pie. C. Griffiths
Pie. G. Harris
Corpl. T. Harris
Pie. G. Harris
Pie. G. Hill
Pie. S. Hodder
Pie. G. Ingersoll
Lc.-Corpl. E. Jewell
Pie. W. Johnson
Pie. W. McDonald
Pie. E. Manning
Pie. A. Maskell
Pie. S. Maynard
Pie. A. Marcer
Pie. J. Packman
Pie. R. Parker
Corpl. J. Pitcher
Pie. A. Smith
Pie. P. Smith
Lc.-Corpl. L. Stokes
Pie. F. Taylor
Pie. W. Thacker
Pie. B. Tricker
Pie. J. Vincent
Pie. D. White
Pie. J. Campbell
Corpl. E. Simms
Sergt. A. Dowding
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Pte. H. Monshall
Corpl. H. Mancey
Pte. F. Newman
Pte. W. Nicholls
Pte. T. Outred
Lc.-Sergt. F. Palmer
Pte. S. Parker
Pte. H. Peach
Pte. P. Penfold
Pte. A. Peters
Lc.-Corpl. J. Pinder
Pte. S. Powling
Pte. W. Proctor
Pte. W. Reader
Lc.-Corpl. G. Ringe
Pte. A. Roberts
Pte. G. Rumsey
Pte. H. Scrivener
Lc.-Corpl. J. Sheppard
Pte. A. Smith
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Pie, G. Childs
Pte, R. Collins
Pte, S. Cook
Pte, W. Curtis
Pte, J. Dalton
Pte, J. Day
Pte, A. Denman
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Pte, A. Dollemore
Pte, H. Dymond
Pto, W. Fadden
Lc.-Corpl, F. Fish
Pte, G. Hall
Pte, T. Hastings
Pte, W. Hayward
Pte, G. Hinson
Pte, J. Humphreys
Pte, G. J. Humphreys
Pte, J. Kember
Pte, W. Lane
Lc.-Corpl, G. Levison
Pte, W. McNamara
Pte, W. Ashby
Pte, R. Barber
Pte, F. Beech
Pte, W. Bishop
Pte, R. Bundell
Lc.-Sergt, B. Boniface
Lc.-Corpl, C. Broad
Pte, C. Bryant
Lc.-Corpl, C. Broad
Pte, C. Castle
Lc.-Corpl, C. Barnett
Pte, G. Castle
Lc.-Corpl, A. Coleman
Pte, J. Cooker
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COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Twenty-third List of Donations received up to August 24th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

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The Officers 1/5th Battalion very kindly sent a cheque Rs. 90/. This is not included in the above list, as it cannot at present be cashed, owing to being drawn on an Indian Bank.

The grateful thanks of the Regiment are due to the Gillingham Cooperative Society for the large number of comforts they have sent out to the Regiment. During the week commencing August 13th, they sent no less than 210 packages and this is only a solitary instance of their magnificent generosity.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication by Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B.:—

Headquarters, M.T. Depot,
Bulford Camp, Salisbury,
August 29th, 1916.

O.C. Depot,

Royal West Kent Regiment.

At a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess of the Mechanical Transport Depot, held here on the 10th of this month, I was asked to approach you to ascertain whether a grant of thirty pounds (£30) would be accepted by your Regiment to be placed towards your Regimental Funds for the prevision of comforts for the men of your Regiment serving with the Expeditionary Force.

I shall be glad to know whether such a grant would be acceptable by you for this purpose.

(Signed) F. LINDSAY LLOYD, Colonel, A.D.T.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., as well as O.C. Depot have written to express their thanks for this most generous gift.

GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from :-

The Roan School for Girls.

One parcel (name of sender unknown).

Mrs. A. Stewart Buckle.

Joint Political Committee (Maidstone).

Mrs. and Miss Johnston and Friend.

Miss Mann.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Regiment as specified, viz. :-August 15th, 1 case Soap. August 9th, 2 cases Soap. 9th, 2 bales Towels. 15th, 3 cases Cigarettes (30,000), 1 case Tobacco (40lbs.) 16th, 1 case Safety Matches. August 1st, 1 case Curry Powder.

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REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has approved of the following reward for

gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:

Military Cross—Second Lieutenant H. A. Taylor, attached Royal Flying Corps. For conspicuous gallantry when on a bombing raid in unfavourable weather with Lieutenant Boyd and two other pilots. He descended no less than 1,000 feet and bombed a train, derailing several trucks.

Also Second Lieutenant H. J. M. Harris. For conspicuous gallantry in action. When our men were being forced back by superior numbers he rallied them with the greatest coolness, and was of great assistance in reorganizing them in the position they took up.

The King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the following N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment:

579 Sergt, D. Bennett 3485 Corpl. E. Camplin 10344 Pte. V. K. Elliott 10447 Pte. W. Harrington 9270 Pte. R. Hester 424 Sergt. J. T. Markham 697 Pte. J. Nye 8842 Pte. A. E. Parsons 218 Pte. W. Reilly 567 Corpl. H. G. Thomas

With reference to the announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the decorations have been awarded:

8053 Co. Sergt.-Major H. Hibbert. For conspicuous zeal and good work He has shown great coolness and power of command.

932 Co. Sergt.-Major W. H. Mills. For conspicuous good work. He brought up ammunition during an action under circumstances of great danger and difficulty. When all his officers had become casualties he commanded the Company with skill.

1086 Co. Sergt.-Major C. Pearson. For consistent devotion to duty at all times. He has shown great coolness and disregard of danger in the trenches.

COLONEL PEDLEY, C.B.

Colonel Pedley has been appointed to the Command of a Service Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Parker. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O.

Owing to the increased stringency of the Regulations forbidding all mention of the theatres of war, and of individual Battalions, much of the interest in "The Queen's Own Gazette" will be lost. All news from the Battalions on service has been censored, and as will be seen in the news from our Battalions in India and at Home, the unit to which the intelligence refers cannot be named. Also it is not permitted to mention the Battalion to which any individual belongs.

The following notice appeared in our July issue. As only three replies have been received we venture to repeat it :-

The Editor is anxious to publish a Roll of all Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men who have been granted Com missions since the beginning of the war. He will, therefore, be glad to receive any information that will enable him to compile this Roll. The following particulars should be given:

- (1) Former rank.
- Whether serving on August 4th, 1914, and with which Battalion.
- (3) If not serving on that date, the date of discharge and from which Battalion, as well as the date of re-enlistment.
 - Date on which he obtained his Commission.
 - (5) Present rank.

The following subscriptions to the "Queen's Own Gazette" expire this month:

Mrs. W. H. Barker Mr. A. E. Palmer Mr. A. S. Buckle Colonel A. W. Prior Mrs. Mills

Captain J. C. Cooke Mrs. R. Ringland Mr. W. D. Cooper Mr. A. Squires Mr. A. Dennis Mrs. Tindall Mrs. Tindall

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding 12040 Private F. J. Towner, who was reported wounded on July 22nd, will be thankfully received by Miss Streeter, 135, Week Street, Maidstone.

Any information regarding 433 Private A. W. Brunger, who was reported wounded and missing on September 26th, 1915, will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Brunger, Holme Mill, Harrietsham.

Any information regarding Private Alfred Henry Rickard, who has lately been killed, will be thankfully received by his widow, care of Mrs. Broomfield, Upper Stone Street, Maidstone.

Any information regarding 7375 Corporal O. J. Rogers, reported wounded and missing on July 22nd, will be gratefully received by his sister, Mrs. M. Bussell, 61, Borrett Road, Walworth, S.E.

Any information regarding 12475 Private George Quinnell, reported wounded and missing since July 13th, will be thankfully received by his sister, Miss Quinnell, 49, Victoria Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Any information regarding 4855 Private J. Mercer, who was reported wounded on July 1st, will be thankfully received by Mrs. Mercer, 5, Station Road, Borough Green, near Sevenoaks.

Any information regarding 12040 Private F. J. Towner, who was reported wounded and missing on July 22nd, will be thankfully received by Mr. E. Towner, 60, Earl Street, Maid-

Any information regarding 5167 Corporal C. Shuttlewood, who was reported wounded on July 22nd, and since reported wounded and missing, will be thankfully received by Mrs. Shuttlewood, 149, Wellington Street, Gravesend.

PROMOTIONS BY BREVET.

It is of interest to note that the five Senior Majors in the Regular Battalions of the Regiment are all Brevet Lieut .-Colonels, the senior of whom is also a Temporary Brigadier-General.

The only other two Battalion Regiment that has this number is the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. The Coldstream Guards have five; the King's Royal Rifle Corps, seven; and the Rifle Brigade, six; but all these have four Regular Battalions. Of other Regiments :- Six have four, fifteen have three, seventeen have two, nineteen have one, twelve have

Mr. HYDE'S PICTURE.

Several of our readers have written to enquire whether there was any prospect of Mr. Hyde's picture being engraved. We have, therefore, approached the Artist on the matter,

and he has kindly given permission for this to be done.

The work, however, cannot be undertaken unless a definite guarantee of 100 copies is obtained. The price of each copy will be from £1 1s. od. to £1 2s. 6d. and the size 30in. by $16\frac{1}{2}$ in., exclusive of margin, and every copy will be signed by the Artist. As a preliminary measure the Editor will be glad to receive names and addresses of intending subscribers. Cheques should not be forwarded at present; 44 names have been received up to September 14th.

Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., received the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Battalion of the Regiment that was in Trones Wood: -Aug. 12th, 1916. Dear Sir Edmund,

Please forgive the long delay in answering your kind telegram of congratulation, and your letter of July 27th. The latter was much delayed in transit, probably owing to our rapid progress about the country since July 17th.

Your telegram was duly communicated to the Battalion, likewise the gist of your letter. All ranks wish me to express their appreciation of your congratulations, and the interest

you take in their exploits.

The accounts in the papers were gloriously inaccurate. The whole Battalion, or what remained of it, were equally concerned, and not a detachment only. The particular position alluded to in the official communique was without officers until I sent the Adjutant up to report on the situation. Finding no officers present, or rather that all had become casualties, he organized that particular portion of the Battalion, and remained with them throughout the night. The 48 hour show was also a myth, we attacked at 7 p.m., and were relieved the following morning. The true story I cannot unfortunately tell in a letter, but from the point of view of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, it was a jolly good performance under the most trying conditions. Thanking you again for your congratulations,

Yours sincerely,

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THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

The fifth chapter of the above, entitled "The La Bassée-Armentières Operations" from October 11th to October 31st, appears in the Strand Magazine for this month. Mention of the 1st Battalion is made in the following terms :- "On October 21 a sudden attack near Illies drove in a portion of the 2nd South Lancashires . . . and destroyed the greater part of a Company of the 1st Cornwalls in support. An ugly gap was left in the line, but the remainder of the Cornwalls, with the help of a Company of the 1st Royal West Kents, and the ever constant artillery filled it up during the rest of the day. . . . On October 26 some 60 officers and 1,500 men had fallen in the day's venture, and the night fell with Neuve Chapelle still in the hands of the enemy, and the British troops to the north, west, and east of it in a semi-The 14th Brigade, coming up after dark, found the First Battalion of the Royal West Kent reduced to 2 officers and 150 men, and the Yorkshire Light Infantry at about the same strength, still holding on to positions which had been committed to them three days before. The conduct of these two grand Regiments upon that and the previous days excited the admiration of everyone, for, isolated from their comrades, they had beaten off a long succession of infantry attacks, and had been enfiladed by a most severe shell fire. Second-Lieut. White, with a still younger officer named Russell, formed the whole staff of officers of the West Kents, Major Buckle, Captain Legard, and many others having been killed or wounded. Penny and Crossley, the two Sergeant-Majors, did great work, and the men were splendid. Speaking to the West Kents at a later date, General Smith-Dorrien said: 'There is one part of the line that has never been re-taken, because it was never lost. It was the particular trenches which your Battalion held so grimly during those terrific ten days."

"ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS."

The attention of our readers is drawn to the issue of this well known paper for August 5th, which contains a two page picture drawn by H. W. Koekkoek. It depicts the stand of one of our Battalions in Trones Wood on August 13th and 14th, and is entitled, "A 'Rorke's Drift' of the Great War; the glorious stand of the Reyal West Kents in Trones Wood," and is described as "One of the most heroic episodes of the great British Offensive: a small body of the Royal West Kent Regiment, who held out all night, repelling German attacks,"

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER AND MILITARY CROSS.

A Supplement to the "London Gazette" recently contained a Royal Warrant revising the regulations governing the Decoration known as "The Military Cross," instituted and created on December 28, 1914. Inter alia it is ordained that anyone who, after having performed services for which the Military Cross is awarded, subsequently performs an approved act of gallantry which, if he had not received the Cross, would have entitled him to it, shall be awarded a bar, and for every additional such act an additional bar may be awarded.

The Military Cross is to be worn immediately after all Orders, and before all Decorations and Medals (the Victoria Cross alone excepted); the Military Cross is not to confer any individual precedence, but will entitle the recipient to the addition after his name of the letters "M.C." It is added that the last-named provision will be carried out in the Army

List for October.

Another Royal Warrant ordains that anyone who, after having performed services for which the Distinguished Service Order is awarded, subsequently performs an approved act of gallantry which, if he had not received the Order, would have entitled him to it, shall be awarded a bar to be attached to the riband by which the Order is suspended, and for every additional such act an additional bar may be added.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE.

A marriage is arranged to take place on September 15, at Biarritz, very quietly, on account of the war, between Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O. (the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment), youngest son of Major-General Sir Alexander Bruce Tulloch, K.C.B., C.M.G., and Lady Tulloch, and Eleanor Margaret, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Malcolm Corrie, Golf Club, Biarritz, and Kelwood, Woking, Surrey.

MONTHLY CALENDAR of REGIMENTAL HISTORY OCTOBER.

1st 1804—2nd Battalion, 50th Foot, raised in Colchester.
2nd 1854—50th Foot, forming part of the 3rd Division, took up its
position in the Greenhill Batteries on the left of the 2nd British Army, besieging Sebastopol.
2nd 1914—1st Battalion left the Aisne en route for Flanders.

10th 1810—50th Foot joined Wellington's Army at Sobral, Portugal.

Brigaded with 71st and 92nd, under Major General Sir William Erskine, and formed part of the 1st Division under Lieutenant-General Sir Brent Spencer, K.C.B.

10th 1863-50th Foot left Ceylon for New Zealand on H.M.S. Himalaya, to join the campaign against the Maoris.

17th 1801-50th Foot left Egypt for Malta on the conclusion of the Egyptian Campaign.

19th 1796-The British Expedition, of which the 50th formed part

evacuated Corsica, as the French and Spanish had gained command of the Mediterranean, and were threatening the Island.

24th 1914-First battle of Neuve Chapelle commenced; 1st Battalion in action, attached to 7th Brigade, 3rd Division. 27th 1748—Old 50th or 7th Marines disbanded.

28th 1760-Formation of the first 97th as "James Stuart's."

28th 1811—Arroyo del Molinos captured by the 1st Brigade of the 2nd Division of which the 50th formed part.

29th 1914-1/4th and 1/5th Battalions left Southampton for India on S.S. "Somali."

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of the following Subscriptions and Donations: Subscriptions. Donations.

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MR. FORSTER ON THE WEST KENTS.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Financial Secretary to the War Office, addressed a large meeting at Bromley on August 4th. He said that they had seen blood of their blood, bone of their bone, fighting with unwavering courage, with a willing self-sacrifice which had maintained the highest tradition of the race, and they had seen with special pride the glorious spirit of their own Royal West Kent Regiment, which had added fresh lustre to the history of British arms and imperishable fame to an already famous regiment. They might face the future with absolute confidence in the justice of their cause and in their own strength to endure. How long it might be no man could say. Talk of peace there would be, but a premature peace would be disastrous, second only to defeat. They had got to see this thing through, and the end would not be reached until they had riven and shattered and destroyed the power which had wrought such havoc and desolation in the world.

Mr. Edward Le May, Chairman of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men, has received the thanks of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Royal West Kent Regiment for the congratulatory message sent by the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men on the occasion of the fight in Trones Wood.

The following appeared in the "Daily Mail" of August 7th:—

WEST KENTS' STAND.

THE BOCHE AT THE BACK.

The heroic stand of a party of the Royal West Kent Regiment in Trones Wood from July 12th to 14th is fully described below for the first time in a letter in diary form of an officer.

It may be recalled that the British official report said: "In Trones Wood we relieved a party of the Royal West Kent Regiment who, separated from our own troops in the recent fighting and surrounded by the Germans, had gallantly held out in the northern end of the wood for forty-eight hours."

The diary says:

Wednesday, July 12th.—After tea an officers' conference was held and hurried arrangements were made to leave at 8 p.m. The boys were to go straight to the wood and build such shelter for themselves in the small part of it possessed by us as they could in the night; the following day we were to take the wood. The 4th Company, our noble selves, were to consolidate the trench between the wood and the other wood on the left already held by us. We got up to our objective about 1.30 in the morning, moving across country, without guides and with the pleasant knowledge that the Boche held the whole of the western side of the wood on our immediate right.

We had to walk through a half-hearted and intermittent barrage (curtain fire) from 5.9's, and this covered the wood on the left and the outskirts of it. Also the country had been the scene of a battle, and the stretcher-bearers had been unable to get to work. Two unfortunate men, I trust, owe their lives to us. They had been out four days. We were unable to bring them in, but the R.A.M.C. fellows are good chaps,

and we were able to report to them.

We got out of it before dawn into a sunken road a little way back, where we dug funk-holes for ourselves and got what sleep we could till breakfast time. We carried our own rations and what spare water there was in petrol tins, but it tasted so of petrol that to make tea was out

of the question.

Thursday, July 13th.—After breakfast we set to work to consolidate our position all along the sunken road. From lunch till about 4.30 we rested and then got orders. We drew prodigious quantities of bombs in wonderfully quick time and set off at 6 across country for the wood, through a terrible barrage, and took up positions behind another company. At 7 our own barrage on the wood lifted, and we moved forward through the dense undergrowth; eventually I got hung up at a strong point which we were unable to clear. We used up what bombs we had left (we had handed over our supply to the company in front). Then the Boches bombed us out, and we swung to the left and eventually arrived with a handful of men to where —— was taking up position.

THE VOICE IN THE NIGHT.

We remained with him in a huge shell crater (one of our own, and fully 18 feet across) until the morning. The Boche every now and again threw bombs from a trench in front to the left and to the right, and once half-way through the night, we were startled out of our lives by hearing in rear of us a voice questioning, "Hundert und sechs?" (106), or that is what I imagined it to be. We about turned and behold! a beautiful Boche fully six feet high! He had come forward to find out whether perchance we were brother Boches before deciding to bomb us out from the rear. We all levelled rifles at him and told him politely

"Hands up."

He appeared not to understand, and turned in disgust to leave us, but did not get very far before we started off to the assault through the wood. I took a rifle from a casualty and have never done so much shooting in my life before as on that eventful night. I am pleased to think that that Boche at least went down with a present from me, as well as from others, not to mention bits of one of our remaining bombs which followed him.

We did not fully appreciate the humour of the situation at that time, as we had fondly imagined we had had Boche only on our flanks and in front, and the prospects of an attack in rear was not altogether pleasing. For the rest of the night we had alternate sentries facing front and rear.

In spite of several efforts we had been unable to get a message through and found ourselves isolated, with the Boche making occasional demonstrations on every side, for he started in rear once or twice after old "Hundert und sechs" had been disposed of. We had not the slightest idea when and from what direction we might expect relief; for all we knew we might have had to hold out for days.

THE JOY OF RELIEF.

Friday, July 14th.—The attack was launched. We heard the bombardment, and never in all my life have I heard anything like it. Comparatively there was little noise, but it was impossible to distinguish individual explosions; it was like a continuous roll of thunder for half an hour before the scheduled time and continued for about half an hour after. Just before 6.30 we heard a fearful shock as to front and to rear a bombing attack seemed to be advancing up both trenches, when suddenly over the open appeared another regiment. Only once, either before or since, have I ever been so tremendously relieved in all my life. We could have shouted for joy. It seems they had been pushed on early in the morning to clear up the dug-outs and trenches which they had bombed their way along with great effort, which bombing had so startled us at the time.

With the ground cleared behind us we withdrew down the centre

trench. .

By the way, in case I have not mentioned it before, Beach Thomas, writing in "The Daily Mail," is far and away the best and most accurate correspondent on the various phases of the advance that I have read, and I'd like you to get these accounts from the beginning and we'll keep them.

Well, we came out the same way as we went in after some 48 hours of the hardest of work with a minimum of sleep and subsistence on the rations we carried with us. At —— we found our pioneers were busily cooking gallons of tea for us, and every sort of cold food was waiting in large quantities, and by Jove didn't we tuck into it as we stood around in the rain congratulating one another? And then we set off for —— and found more steaming hot tea, and then we lay down and slept till dinner-time. We gave out rum to the men after dinner and then turned in to sleep again like absolute pigs.

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I cannot resist a small "brag." First an intercepted enemy message tells us that the wood was to be held at all costs and that no one would be permitted to leave it. Secondly, units from six different regiments were found in the wood, pointing to the conclusion that picked men

had been pushed in to hold it.

The following extracts from the Daily Papers of August 9th are of interest:—"MORNING POST."

"MORNING POST."
OUR ATTACK ON POZIERES.
BRILLIANT AND USEFUL WORK.
KENTS' DASHING EXPLOIT.

Our advance north and west of Pozieres improves in its aspect as we become acquainted more closely with the facts. Officially it has been announced that we pushed forward our "ne north-west of Pozieres from 400 to 600 yards over a frontage of about 5,000 yards, and that troops from Australia, Kent, Surrey and Sussex took part in the operation, and consolidated the position they had won in spite of very heavy shell-fire, which descended chiefly on the Pozieres-Bapaume road. Beneath this modest claim there lurks a really heroic and valuable enterprise—all the more welcome because it enabled us to execute an important minor operation with comparatively little loss to our own troops. Our casualties indeed have been surprisingly small, while those of the Germans relatively have been very heavy. It was an affair in which men from some of the English Home Counties greatly distinguished themselves, and participated to the full in the success of the Anzacs.

The pioneers in the enterprise were Kentish soldiers. All day Thursday our guns focussed a concentrated fire on the positions, and at night the men of Kent advanced to the attack. Just before this advance the Boches had thrown at our troops a great many gas shells, and to protect themselves from the fumes of this familiar form of villainy the Kents had encased their heads in gas-masks. The mask is a necessary part of the equipment of the soldier of to-day. It protects him from these poisonous vapours, but it interferes with his powers of observation and movement. On the word our men swept across the strip of no-man's-land to the enemy trenches. Every man was well supplied with bombs. Machine-gun fire rattled out in front of them, but they were in fairly open formation, and the casualties were not many. A voice, believed to be that of a young lieutenant, rang out of the darkness: "Now then boys, give 'em Kentish fire; give 'em hell," and while some men leapt into the trenches driving the Germans before them with bomb and bayonet, others petted them from the parapet. It was a great moment. The Boches fought tenaciously at first, but it was not for long that they stood their ground. The crash of the bomb, the gleam of cold steel in the darkness, was more than they could stand. Many of them threw up their hands and begged for mercy. "Mind the dugouts now, lads," cried the captain, "don't forget the dugouts, every rat-hole must be

cleaned out." It is wonderful how well the German understands English in moments of crisis, "Kamerads," shouted Teutonic voices from concealed places, "don't shoot. We have wounded men here. We are "No treachery, now," calls out an officer with bringing them out." loaded revolver. "By God, if we have a single case of it we will shoot the lot of you." When our adversary is thoroughly frightened—as he was last Thursday night—and is pleading for his own life, he finds that it pays to "play the game." In some cases he may have had wounded men in his underground shelters. Even where he had not the moment he threw away his arms he was treated as a prisoner of war. particular trenches captured did not contain very many of these dugouts, but some of them were so artfully constructed that they were equipped with more than one point of exit. "They're just like rabbits." remarked a man of Kent. "You get into the main burrow, but there are other runs from which they are able to bolt out in emergency. They're a sort of combination of the bunny and the fox, and you have to keep your weather-eye always open to get up to their dodges.

The number of dead and wounded Germans found by these men of Kent showed that our artillery once more had done its work well. However, the gallant soldiers whose exploit I have endeavoured in general terms to place on record sent back to our lines nearly one hundred of the enemy who were unwounded. They were mostly men of the 11th Prussian Corps, wearing black helmets with an inset imitation of the They are among the favourites of the Supreme War Lord, Some of them confessed that they had fought at Ypres and also at Verdun, from which it may be inferred that the German High Command werdin, from which it may be interred that the German right commands in recent time has been driven to the expedient of shifting its troops from one place to another as emergency arises. The sending of the "black and white" Prussians against us is, no doubt, a compliment to the prowess of the British soldier. The full story of the fight on Friday night-which was the decisive event-has yet to be told; but it may be accepted as a fact that the men of Surrey and Sussex were not one whit less valiant and successful than their comrades from Kent. All the further ground we have won is now firmly consolidated, and if the Germans have stomach for counter-attacks we are quite ready to meet

"THE TIMES." TRENCH LINE CARRIED.

It has been possible to-day to get from those who were engaged in it more details of part of the successful advance beyond Pozieres of which I told yesterday. It will be remembered that the push straight up from Pozieres was made by Australians and by English troops cooperating on their left. Part of these troops, who seem to have done their portion of the work with great dash, were from Kent,

The line on which they had to advance was on the extreme left, from a point above Ovillers-la-Boisselle, almost directly towards Mouquot Farm, which, with its shattered trees around it, is a conspicuous object from all parts of the front, standing as it does on ground only some 20ft. lower than the highest point of all, slightly to the east along the Albert-Bapaume road. Their immediate objective was a strongly fortified line of trench running diagonally across the ground about halfway between them and the farm. Besides this main trench there were a number of support trenches and so forth in various directions, and the approach was covered by machine-gun fire from positions on both the right and left.

Just before the time set for the attack the enemy shelled our line heavily with his favourite gas shells, which, as usual, gave our men the inconvenience on a hot evening of putting their gas masks on. The weapons used in the attack were less rifles or bayonets than bombs. Our men got through the enemy's barrage under cover of our own artilbombed along it, others ran along the top, getting what cover they could from the parapet or other inequalities in the ground to protect them from the machine-guns, and bombed down on the Germans below them. There seems to have followed a short space of very exhilarating fighting.

GERMAN TRICKERY.

The Germans, who habitually have large quantities of their bombs so laid out ready that they can be used immediately with a minimum of movement, fought in places stubbornly, but when the men of Kent came romping along the top of the trench, attacking them from above, t was too much for most of them, who bolted for their dug-outs, When there, many of them tried to play a trick with which we are getting familiar.

These dug-outs have connecting passages and many exits. When a British soldier calls to the inmates to come out, they shout back that they cannot because they are tending wounded. Eaflier in this fighting, in such a case, our men might trustfully go down into the hole, and men coming in single file down steep steps with the light behind them men coming in single file down steep steps with the light bening them are at a disadvantage against a dozen or a score of well-armed men waiting in readiness for them in the dark. If our men resist this bait, there is a fair chance that during the parleying which ensues the Germans may escape by another exit. It is the enemy's own fault, the fault of his trickery, if now, after the second or third summons, instead of going down, our men send in a bomb ahead of them.

Our men, having got possession of the trench which they had come to take and rounded up getting on for a hundred prisoners, went on and made a thorough job of it. They cleared out minor trenches and silenced machine-guns in strong points.

all given is that which the Officer held at the time.

It has been explained that this regiment only had the extreme left of the advance, and the official communique has already told you that there were also Surrey and Sussex troops engaged. If the share of the men of one regiment is for the moment given prominence, it is only because they are as yet the most accessible.

"DAILY MAIL." From W. Beach Thomas.

Let me give some of the smaller details of that gallant fight in which two, miles of their trenches north and west of Pozieres were wrested from the Germans. I am concerned for the moment only with

wrested from the Germans. I am concerned for the moment only with the fight as it was fought by men of Kent in one corner of the field. What altogether amazes one in listening to an account of battle from such English troops is their bubbling humour. These Kentish troops had begun the attack "in a smell of rotten eggs," as they said, or the fumes of many score shells of asphyxiating gas. They had been pelted with bombs. The German bombers, freed from all trappings, stood in front of trays covered with bombs, which they picked up and threw almost as smartly as a printer picks up type. And the bombs

liad a bigger range than ours.

The English were raked by machine guns from both right and left. They passed through curtains of condensed fire. They had hammered and been hammered for two or three days unceasingly; but to listen to their tale of the fighting was to split your sides with laughter; and no narrator was more humorous than that soldier who had fought continuously since Mons and suffered all the terror of those munitionless winter and spring months in Flanders without loss of high spirits. There was a fortune for a music-hall star in the account of the German prisoner, laden with heavy kit, and so nervous when ordered to doff it that he could scarcely distinguish between his rifle, his straps, and his bombs.

The story of the bolting of Germans from a crowded dug-out was Rabelaisian. Imagine a single soldier in a strange trench at night time controlling a crowded cave of foreign-speaking enemy! Sometimes he shouted instructions. Sometimes he listened, as a keeper listens at a rabbit-hole-the comparison is the soldier's-and heard rumblings and patterings which indicated that some of the occupants were making for the bolt-hole. To this he had to run like a fussed terrier to stop them bolting too quick or persuade them to bring out the wounded first.

A PROUD JOB.

The most delightful incident of all was the final marshalling and marching off of one large group of prisoners. The soldiers told off to conduct them were so pleased and proud of their job that they marched off with fixed bayonets at the head of the procession, with the whole queue of Germans behind them, and this at night!

What human, pitiful, contradictory feelings and episodes stand out what human, pithin, contrainctory leatings and episodes stand out a sudden distinctness from such a night! A subaltern, full of fight, half-savage for a time and in a mental ecstasy, rushes to stab a Prussian soldier. The glint of a Verey light catches the German's face, and a sudden pity intervenes. He seizes the enemy by the belt and throws him behind him. As he falls the man behind hears a rattle and sees that their young soldier's belt is festooned with bombs at which he is fingering.

When the charge was made by the neighbours of the Kents across the pocked ground over a hundred Germans were passed by in shell-holes where they were lying out. Much later in the fight a head or two, bewraying the snipers, was detected, and at once trench mortars and other weapons were turned out in quantity to this ex-No Man's Land.

At once scores of Germans appear from the earth and come rushing with hands up and cries of "Mercy!" towards our trenches.

Nevertheless and in spite of eccentricity and humour (stimulated by prespect of rest and an excellent meal) the fighting was hard, and the attack as scientific and dashing as any military commander could desire Many of these English bombers scorned to jump into the trenches, but ran along the edges throwing bombs on the heads of the enemy and driving them into their dug-outs.

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Second Lieut. G. F. Atkinson.
Second Lieut. J. Eldridge.
Lieut. Sir H. C. W. Hawley, Bart.
Second Lieut. H. J. Woolley.
Captain T. P. P. Walker.

Captain H. A. Ansell. Second Lieut. G. T. Carre (twice). Second Lieut. W. L. Gascoyne. Second Lieut. W. L. Gascoyne, Second Lieut. E. O. Goulden, Second Lieut. P. C. Hoyland, Second Lieut. W. G. St. L. Montague Second Lieut. H. J. M. Harris, Second Lieut. W. M. Boucher, Second Lieut. H. M. Cockle.

Second Lieut, G. G. Samuel, Captain C. H. Wickham-Lieut, F. T. Licence, Lieut. J. A. Tennyson-Smith. Lieut. F. W. Roberts.

Lieut, C. B. Smith,

Major C. V. Molony. WOUNDED AND PRISONERS OF WAR. Captain G. D. Lister.

Second Lieut. A. A. E. Chitty. Major J. W. Nelson, D.S.O. Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O.

Captain G. A. L. Hatton.

Brevet Colonel E. Vansittart. Brevet Colonel E. Vansittart.
Major J. C. Chillingworth.
Captain and Adjutant C. de C. Middleton.
Captain C. A. Hutchinson,
Lieut. R. M. Old.

Captain G. Seccombe.

MISSING.

Second Lieut, W. D. Cornford, Second Lieut, D. R. Leatherdale.

Second Lieut, C. H. Compton, Second Lieut, E. D. Harrison (believed killed)

Second Lieut. C. C. C. Buckle (believed killed). Second Lieut. B. V. Wood.

Second Lieut. P. Newbold (believed killed). Second Lieut. G. Saveall (believed killed).

Second Lieut, P. W. Plant. Second Lieut, E. T. Bigsby.

Second Lieut. F. M. S. Bowen.

WOUNDED AND MISSING. Second Lieut. P. F. Cross.

Captain C. T. Bennett-Lieut. R. E. H. Healey.

Major L. Brock-Hollinshead. Captain A. C. Edwards. Lieut. P. T. Smith.
Lieut. L. Gibbs.
Second Lieut. A. L. HarrisSecond Lieut. R. F. T. Burrell.
Second Lieut. D. H. Watts.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Captain M. J. Dinwiddy. Captain V. S. Clarke. Second Lieut. J. Mills.

The above list contains the names which appeared in the Casualty Lists up to August 10th, 1916. The Editor will be glad to be informed of any errors or omissions. The rank given is that which the Officer held at the time.

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:: News from the Battalions. ::

NOTES FROM INDIA.

I am writing this on the 4th of August, the second anniversary of England's entry into this great war, which was celebrated, as in all other parts of the Empire, by intercessory services for the success of our arms in churches of all denominations. That held in the Garrison Church was attended by the G.O.C. and most of the Officers of the Station, as well as by representatives of all British troops.

During the interval that has elapsed between my last letter, our chief efforts have been directed towards the training of our new draft, and this is proceding satisfactorily.

At the time of writing the rains are still with us, but so far the total fall is much below the average, and we are consequently getting a good deal of sun between the storms. The steamy heat that this is responsible for is in some respects more trying that the higher temperatures, but drier atmospheres, of the summer.

During the month we have been favoured with special attentions at the hands of General Officers. In the first place, our own Brigadier, who has returned to the station for a few weeks from Pachmarhi, where he is spending the summer months, paid us a visit. He first saw the various companies and the draft on parade, and then inspected the barracks, the station hospital, etc. Later in the week he had the whole of the troops of the Garrison out for several instructive, if somewhat grilling, manœuvre parades.

On Tuesday last we received a visit from our new Divisional Commander. He inspected the Battalion on parade, and was received with a general salute. He and his staff dined at the Officers' Mess the same evening. He made a short stay in the station, during which he visited all other units, the Gun Carriage Factory, and other military institutions.

Football, hockey and cricket still engage our attention during the hours devoted to recreation, although a series of evening parades are responsible for a certain falling off of enthusiasm in this direction. While the rains last Rugby still finds a number of supporters, and our Regimental Fifteen are still pursuing their victorious career. I, however, regret to report two casualties, Captain Robinson being laid aside with a somewhat severely injured knee, and Corpl. Scantlebury with a broken collar-bone.

On Thursday, the 27th July, a very successful tennis "at home" and dance was given by the Sergeants' Mess Tennis Club. A convivial hour was also spent in the Sergeants' Mess on July 29th, the anniversary of Wittebergen, when complimentary speeches were made and the health of the few remaining members of the Mess who were present with the 2nd Battalion at the surrender of Prinsioo, was enthusiastically drunk. It was regretted that our C.O., who was also present on that historic occasion, was temporarily absent from the station on the date of the anniversary.

Major A. M. Cohen has been given six months' leave by a Medical Board, and has left for England to undergo an operation for ear trouble. Captain Locket has also been ordered two months' sick leave.

With much regret I have to announce the deaths of: No. 1894 Pte. B. J. Currie, "A" Company, 21st May, 1916; No. 1416 Pte. A. Richards, "A" Company, 1st June, 1916.

We are now experiencing the visit of the monsoon, and naturally getting frequent very heavy bursts of rain.

I think the most important event that has occurred since my last letter is the arrival of the draft from England. We welcome them to the shiny East. The officers accompanying the draft are 2nd Lieuts F. W. Biggs, to "B" Company; R. C. Sotham, to "A" Company; and H. Hawes, to "C" Company.

Major A. E. Hills and Captain J. G. Lepper proceeded to Mhow 1st July to undergo a Course in Staff Duties.

"D," "B" and "C" Companies have completed Table B, 1916-17 Course of Musketry. "D" finished with an average of 103.6; "B" 105.45; and "C" 101.9. There are, of course, a few details of each to fire, and it is hoped that the averages won't be lowered. "A" Company will commence after the rains, probably about end of August.

Up to the present it will be noticed that there is a vast all-round improvement in the shooting of the Battalion. The following is the official result of the 1915-16 Course:—"A" Company, average 96.04; "C" Company, 93.39; "B" Company, 88.38; "D" Company," 83.01. The first-named, of course, being adjudged the best shooting company. Battalion average: 90.2.

The three highest scores obtained were the following:—1285 Drummer P. Smith, "A" Company, 146; 4410 R.S.M. S. G. Reeves, "C" Company, 144; 1368 Sergt. W. Colley, "B" Company, 142.

The highest score obtained up to now in the 1916-17 Course is 157 by R.S.M. Reeves, followed closely up by Sergt. W. Needham, "D" Company, 150.

The following promotions and appointments have taken place recently: 2295 Lance-Sergt, C. J. Juniper, "A" Company, promoted Sergeant, 1st July, 1916, and remains in his appointment as O.R. Sergeant; 2336 Lance-Corpl. E. Bellamy, "B" Company, promoted Sergeant, 18th July, 1916, and anti-dated back 14th December, 1915; 2336 Lance-Corporal D. A. Livingstone, "D" Company, Sergeant, 18th July, 1916, and anti-dated back 23rd April, 1916; 965 Lance-Corporal C. Gilham, "C" Company, Corporal, 7th May, 1916, and appointed Lance-Sergeant 8th May, 1916; 1877 Pte. W. Williams, "B" Company, Corporal, 15th May, 1916, and appointed Lance-Sergeant; 1987 Lance-Corporal K. C. Beauchamp, "D" Company, and 511 Lance-Corpl. F. Allen, "D" Company, Corporals, 18th July, 1916.

Lance-Corporal P. Blacker, "C" Company, has rejoined the Bat talion from the Royal Flying Corps, I.E.F., "D.," dated 11th May, 1916.

The following have attended courses and qualified as under:-

Musketry.—Third Territorial Course held at Central School of Musketry, Pachmarhi, 16th March, 1916:—1415 Sergeant J. R. Feimingham, "D" Company; 1265 Corporal V. Ashdown, "C" Company; 1275 Lance-Corpl. J. F. Smith, "A" Company.

Physical Training at Poona.—2nd Lieut. T. A. Stokes; 1616 Corporal E. Attryde, "D" Company; 1923 Lance-Corpl. F. Waters, "A" Company. The last named also qualified in swimming.

Signalling.—Final Examination held at Kasauli at the conclusion of the 4th Special Signal Class.—2nd Lieut. L. G. Brooks, Instructor; 1716 Lance-Corpl. H. Awgel, 1535 Lance-Corpl. H. Woolsey, and 1720 Lance Corpl. H. Metcalf, Assistant Instructors. No. 125 Sergt. S. Sainsbury, "D" Company, has qualified to act as an Assistant Instructor of Army Signalling at a Special Course of Instruction in Signal Duties held at Kasauli.

The following Officer, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s attended a Class of Instruction in "Mountain Warfare" at Abbottagad and Kakui from May 20th to June 16th:—Captain J. H. Hay, 7382 C.S.M. F. J. Lander, 120 C.S.M. H. A. Turner, 875 Sergt. S. Davis, and 2208 Sergt. A. Cooper.

The following Officer and N.C.O.'s have attended a Course of Transport Training at Sunnybank:—2nd Lieut. T. A. Stokes, 1968 Lance-Corpl. G. Offin, "A" Company; 1522 Sergt. A. Berry, "B" Company; 1602 Corpl. G. Turnbull, "C" Company; and 2252 Lance-Corpl. Goodchild, "D" Company.

The following men have proceeded on service to Indian Expeditionary Force "D" on 10th May, on board H.T. "Chakdara:—1504 Pte. C. W. Thompson, to Combined Park and Signal Depot; 1246 Pte. R. Everitt and 1860 H. O'Connor to 42nd Wireless Signal Squadron.

HOME NOTES.

Our new system of training now runs smoothly enough, and specialists now specialise to their hearts' content.

Cricket has languished lately, but shooting is more popular than ever. Among those recreations which somehow "grow" without any special organisation may be mentioned cycling (in "groups") and golf. Both pastimes have their particular adherents, and though no "clubs" have been formed for either sport, the latter is responsible for the production of "clubs" both fearful and wonderful. Wasps' nesting, too, has been found to counteract ennui by some, while to others a book from the ever-growing Battalion library and "kip" appeal very strongly.

SHOOTING SCORES. "THE BUFFS."

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One cricket match to record—namely, v. Mr. J. Smith's Eleven, on Saturday, August 12th, at ——, in which the Regiment made 136 for 8 wickets, and our opponents 124 for 5 wickets.

The Band assisted at a very successful concert on August 9th in aid of the Funds of The Grange Convalescent Home, also on Saturday, August 19th, at ———, for the benefit of the British Red Cross Society, at both of which, we are informed, their services were very much appreciated.

At present we must not say anything about the new scheme re "Training Reserve," as, at the time of sending in these notes, the scheme has not actually come into operation. When it is an accomplished fact, an account thereof, so far as it affects the Regiment, will, no doubt, be allowed to be recorded.

A very impressive Service was held in the Camp Church on Friday, August 4th, on the occasion of the anniversary of the "declaration of war two years ago." One hundred men, with a complement of officers, attended, the music being provided by the massed bands of the Regiment and the Eastern Command Depot.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Hales, Senior Chaplain to the Forces at the Camp, assisted by the other Chaplains.

Training still fully occupies us all and every day, and into that work all ranks have thrown their whole heart in the most loyal and keen spirit, and the fine drafts that have been sent away fully testify to this.

NOTES.

Second Lieut. G. B. Coote, Machine Gun Corps, has been nominated for a commission in the Regular Army and posted to the Regiment.

Captain B. W. Parker, S.R., has been transferred to the Regular Battalions in the same rank.

Second Lieut. G. P. Burdett, S.R., attached Machine Gun Corps, has been promoted Temporary Lieutenant. * * * * * *

Captain H. F. Westmacott is seconded, on being appointed an aide-* * * * * *

Temp. 2nd Lieut. G. W. Hill relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health. * * * * * *

Captain F. Johnson is seconded for duty as a Railway Transport Officer and graded for purposes of pay as Staff Captain.

Cadet D. G. Gray has been appointed a Second Lieutenant on probation in our Territorial Battalions.

No. 5467 Pte. Joseph Simpson, who was reported in our last issue as a repatriated prisoner of war, was at Aachen, and is now at Millbank

Second Lieuts. M. R. Le Fleming and W. R. Medhurst are seconded for duty with the Machine Gun Corps.

The undermentioned are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants (on probation) in the Service Battalions:—Pte. D. V. Sutherst, from H.A.C. T.F.; Pte. T. W. Roberts, from London Regiment T.F.; Pte. E. Fricker, from London Regiment T.F.; Pte. R. R. Rochat, from London Regiment T.F.; Pte. F. B. Parker, from H.A.C. T.F.

Cadet S. A. French is appointed a Temp. Second Lieutenant (on probation) in the Regular Battalions.

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Second Lieut, C. H. Sewell is seconded for duty with the Machine Gun Corps.

The undermentioned Temp. Lieutenants from Reserve Batt. are transferred to Service Battalions:—M. J. L. Walker, J. H. Minchin, R. D. Kent, E. P. Smith, E. B. A. Harvey, T. A. de Vere, E. B. K. Hunt, A. K. G. Hearn, L. A. Panchand, E. M. Pocock, T. W. Stones, J. H. Woodall, A. A. Willoughby, and A. S. F. Percival.

Temp. Captain W. H. Bracewell is transferred from a Service to a Reserve Battalion. *

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The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants on probation in the Local Reserve:—B. Wade, A. K. Harding, T. A. M. S. Lewis, F. Squire, E. W. Broadbridge, A. J. Chandler, G. Radclyffe, W. H. Glover, J. N. Mothersill, B. W. Ashworth, B. T. Comins and F. E. E. Norris.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and man are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants on probation in our Service Battalions: Lance-Corpl. F. Buffee, from the East Kent Regiment; Sergeant S. C. Carter, from the London Regiment, T.F.; Private P. Stevens, from H.A.C., T.F.

Temp, Lieut. S. J. Needham had the honour of being received by the King on August 18th, and had the decoration of the Military Cross conferred on him. * * * * * *

Captain G. J. Taaffe, S.R. is transferred to the Suffolk Garrison Bat-* * *

Temp. Second Lieutenant R. F. B. Critchett, from the East Surrey Regiment, has been transferred to Royal West Kent Garrison Battalion. * * * *

Lieut, C. A. M. Holloway has been appointed acting Adjutant Experimental Station, Royal Flying Corps. * *

Sergeant H. Lewinstein, Coldstream Guards, received his commission in the Regiment for service in the field on June 21st, but only appeared in the "Gazette" on August 24th, after he was killed. * * *

Lieut. H. A. de F. Furber, from the half-pay list, is restored to the establishment and is seconded for employment in a Record Office.

The undermentioned cadets are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants (on probation) in the Local Reserve:—W. D. de P. Hall, from Inns of Court O.T.C.; A. S. Richmond, C. T. Mansell, and V. J. Gadban. * * * *

Temp. Second Lieutenant H. G. Bushell is transferred to the Regiment from the Suffolk Regiment. *

Temporary Second Lieutenant J. J. Kneafsey, from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, is transferred to a Service Battalion, Royal West Kent. * * * * * *

The undermentioned Temporary Captains are transferred to the Regular Battalions as Captains:—T. T. Waddington, from a Service Battalion, and H. Peploe, from Middlesex Regiment.

* * * * Temp. Captain A. E. Colley, from The Buffs, has been transferred to Garrison Battalion Royal West Kent.

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* * The undermentioned Cadets to be Second Lieutenants on probation in S.R.: E. Smith and H. E. Whitehead.

Cadets C. F. Ward and H N. Love, from the Inns of Court O.T.C., are appointed Second Lieutenants (on probation) in our Territorial Battalions, also Cadet E. T. Cronk. * * *

Second Lieut. (Temporary Lieutenant) P. A. Tharp has been promoted Temporary Captain, and Cadet A. Paul appointed Second Lieutenant in the Regiment. * *

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Second Lieutenants on probattalion in the Local Reserve: L. C. Jarrett, W. N. Hall, H. G. Dix, A. Second Lieut. G. F. Peate resigns his commission.

The following Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College have been given first commissions in the Regular Battalions: R. S. Griffith, R. H. Clarke, G. A. Turner and W. A. C. Tayler. * * * * *

Second Lieut. G. F. Peate resigns his commission.

Temp. Major F. Walter (Captain R. of O.) is transferred in the same

rank to the Northamptonshire Garrison Battalion.

Temp. Lieut. B. McKenzie has been transferred to the Machine Gun

Temp. Second Lieut. C. G. Tindall, 7th Battalion, has been promoted Temp. Lieutenant.

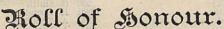
Second Lieutenant M. R. Le Fleming has been appointed a Temporary Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps. * *

The undermentioned Temporary Second Lieutenants have been promoted Temporary Lieutenants : E. S. Martyn and E. G. V. Hughes.

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A monthly record of regimental doings

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It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of September :-

OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Townshend.

Captain H. H. Logan. Captain C. M. G. Culley.

Lieutenant S. J. Jones.

Second-Lieutenant H. Flowers.

Second-Lieutenant G. B. Hallowes.

Second-Lieutenant A. Martin.

Second-Lieutenant H. A. Pracy.

Second-Lieutenant A. Roscoe.

Second-Lieutenant T. F. Stones.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Colonel A. Wood-Martyn.

Major G. A. Heron.

Captain J. F. Bellman. Captain G. W. Press. Captain S. R. Paul. Captain A. E. Dickinson.

Lieutenant H. N. S. Nisbet.

Second-Lieutenant A. T. Benson, attached Oxford and

Bucks L.I.

Second-Lieutenant R. K. Young.

Second-Lieutenant D. H. Unwin, attached Manchesters.

Second-Lieutenant C. McCabe.

Second-Lieutenant H. G. Woolley.

Second-Lieutenant B. L. M. Apperley. Second-Lieutenant J H. Fowler, attached Trench Mortar

Battery.

Second-Lieutenant E. B. A. Harvey.

Second-Lieutenant A. D. Fleming.

Second-Lieutenant O. J. Longstaff.

Second-Lieutenant R. K. Matheson, attached Manchesters.

Second-Lieutenant W. H. Maxwell, attached Manchesters.

Second-Lieutenant B. Vaughan.

Second-Lieutenant A. W. P. Henfrey. Second-Lieutenant H. B. Hill.

Second-Lieutenant S. E. Wadey.

Second-Lieutenant G. W. Dando.

Second-Lieutenant R. T. Daubeney.

Second-Lieutenant N. C. Barrs.

Second-Lieutenant P. T. Cookney.

Second-Lieutenant A. W. Edmett.

Second-Lieutenant C. F. Hall.

Second-Lieutenant G. D. Henderson. Second-Lieutenant C. E. Malpass. Second-Lieutenant G. T. Mansfield.

Second-Lieutenant T. G. Platt.

Second-Lieutenant H. R. Smith.

Second-Lieutenant A. S. F. Percival.

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MISSING.

Second-Lieutenant R. W. S. Meakins. Second-Lieutenant G. Smith.

ATTACHED OFFICERS (WOUNDED).

Major S. H. Beattie, North Hants. Lieutenant R. Puttock, R.A.M.C.

We have been unable to obtain any information regarding the officers who are reported killed. A short notice of Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Townshend will be found on another page.

WARRANT OFFICERS.

MISSING.

4921 Co. Sgt.-Maj. E. Ransome

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW WOUNDED AND MISSING.

8020 Co. Sgt.-Maj. S. Glazebrook

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

2501 Sergt. A. Coles 7524 Sergt. W. Sibbald 7567 Act Sergt. H. Thomas 7508 Corpl. J. Greenwood 7509 LcCorpl. J. H. Pynn 7509 LcCorpl. A. Nudds 7509 LcCorpl. A. Pennett 7500 LcCorpl. F. Buck	8251 Sergt. R. Startup 5544 Sergt. N. Baron 1149 Corpl. E. Edwards 653 Act. Corpl. C. Moon 10709 LeCorpl. H. Martin '484 LeCorpl. W. Turner 1266 LeCorpl. J. Farrelly 4158 LeCorpl. G. Blackburn 4233 LeCorpl. R. Ross
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DIED.

3765 Lc.-Corpl. A. Lewis

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	a cars p Standen	9223	Act. Corpl. A. Turner
7738	Co. Q.M.S. P. Standen	10149	Le Corpl. E. GIII
6776	Co. Q.M.S. S. Daly	5730	Le-Corpl. G. Woodbourne
7316	Sergt. E. Allison	4770	LcCorpl. P. Padwick
810	Sergt. T. McLeod	5838	LcCorpl. A. Maunews
454	Court I ISOIII	8387	LcCorpl. C. H. Adams
9813	Sergt, A. Jewnurst	5916	LcCorpl. F. Coles
38	Servet G. Simmonus	3171	LcCorpl. J. Cox
8786	Serot, G. French	350	LcCorpl. G. Munford
2905	Serot, E. Osman	6006	LcCorpl. P. Vile
0582	Carot F Saddler	3961	LcCorpl. J. Green
7292	Serot E Bradman	10411	LcCorpl. W. Harlow
4343	Concet W Knight	6424	LcCorpl. J. Lawrence
9321	Serot, J. Lynch	7641	LcCorpl. T. Sampson
6610	Serot J WIII	1642	LcCorpl. E. Walsh
8046	Sorgt H Wilson	1678	Lc.Corpl. F. Aylward
0750	Sergt. A. Robinson	3342	LcCorpl. E. Lewis
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	Act. Sergt. E. Tamplin		LcCorpl. A. Harvey
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9309	Corpl. B. Lester		LcCorpl. G. Aylott
1071	Corpl. D. Buck	2682	LcCorpl. G. Steel
972	Corpl. F. Bunnett	274	LcCorpl. H. Durden
8835	Corpl. F. Bunnett Corpl. A. Rutherford Corpl. W. Herd	1094	LcCorpl. F. Bucksey
3697	Corpl. W. Herd	8193	LcCorpl. T. Harrild
5815	Corpl. G. Smith	1292	LcCorpl. J. Galley
1019	Corpl. W. Orchard		LcCorpl. R. Stiggins
3186	Corpl. A. Darling	8553	LcCorpl. G. Day
0278	Corpl. J. Beer		LcCorpl. A. Kneller
1417	Corn! H Hawes		LcCorpl. W. Russell
432	Corpl F. Pritchard	4559	LcCorpl. H. Taylor
26	Act Corni W. Millen	12777	LcCorpl. E. Wombwell
394	Act. Corpl. W. Robson	355	LcCorpl. W. Francis
8264	Act. Corpl. E. Moir	6805	LcCorpl. J. Luxon
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MISSING.

	Sergt. W. Green	10233 Sergt. P. Ashford 10060 Corpl. M. Goble
7882	Corpl. S. Ash	
		10299 LcCorpl. E. Hunter
	Corpl. E. Davis	
4700	LcCorpl. A. Payne	5056 LcCorpl. R. Read
		9700 To Compl E Fames
3480	LcCorpl. — Wilson	8392 LcCorpl. E. Eames
4000	T Condcall	953 LcCorpl. C. Smith
4972	LcCorpl. H. Goodsell	
10004	LcCorpl. A. Robson	10286 LcCorpl. T. Vidler
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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

97 Sergt, R. Miller 534 Lc.-Sergt. A. Jenner

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW WOUNDED AND MISSING.

5525 Sergt, F. Body	7328 Sergt. R. Gould	
5167 Corpl. C. Shuttlewood	10817 LcCorpl. J. Foulge	r
10860 LcCorpl. J. Lena	6848 LcCorpl. C. Cook	
9760 LcCorpl. R. Fowler	10667 LcCorpl. J. Knowle	r

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONER AT KUT-EL-AMARA NOW PRISONER

7376 Corpl. E. Peacock

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW PRISONER IN TURKISH HANDS.

1420 Act. Sergt. J. Moon

BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONER AT KUT-EL-AMARA.

9871 Lc. Corpl. G. Burrluck W GWA CHGMUOW .

PRIVATES.

KILLED IN ACTION.

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4683	J. Catchpole	10895	G. Coleman
1539	R. Sampson	6069	V. Dove
14	F. McCarthy	2539	J. Hutchison
		8202	J. Nixon
5010	T. Allcorn	10701	G. Riley
9222	F. Gearing	10701	G. Riley
6838	E. Roberts	10701 11013	H. Smith
10677	F. Wilkinson	4040	C. Taylor
9940	J. Andrews	11851	L. Whitehouse
5250	E. Wyatt	4250	T. Worth
		050	F. Partlett
10567		11554	C. Sampson
12263	S. Staples	2245	
10569	W. Emery		W. Clark
10732	H. Lacy	8634	P. Parmenter
11650	F. Smith	6124	
7637	H. T. Bittle	12005	H. Underhill
12547	G. Taylor	1061	W. T. Edwards
	G. Ashman	12005 1061 14519	P. Stephenson
11783	G. Asimilan	12446	G. Allman
11816	W. Bourne	3493	A. E. Bayliss
12518	C. Ellis	1442	
1887	H. Holmes	9756	G. Eaton
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G. J. Garland P. J. Winfield	11209 A. Hope 714 T. Hopgoo	
T. Raynor	4013 J. Pearson	

PREVIOUSLY REPORTD BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONERS AT KUT-EL-AMARA, NOW PRISONERS.

9776 R. Murray

8493 J. Winter

BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONERS AT KUT-EL-AMARA.

8676 J. Mepham	6596 J. Sellens
9200 R. J. Treliving	8450 G. Wall
8826 W. West	10008 W. Yardley

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONERS AT KUT-EL-AMARA, NOW NOT PRISONERS.

9106 A. Helmsley 2508 F. W. Nottage 9062 W. Heskett 9395 T. Vallance

N.B.—"Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds" and "Wounded" includes "Shell Shock" or "Concussion" or "Gas Poisoned."

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Twenty-fourth List of Donations received up to Sept. 27th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal:—

	£	S.	d.	
Previously acknowledged	3,900	7	1	
Mrs. Beer (5th donation)	1	0	0	
The Sergeants M. T. Depot, Bulford	30	0	0	
P.R.I. 3rd Battalion R.W. Kent Regiment,				
proceeds of Chatham Brigade Football				
Matches	4	0	0	
Mr. F. W. B. Poste (5th donation)	5	5	0	
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	£3,940	12	1	

Balance Sheet for Quarter ending September 30th, 1916.

		£	S.	d.	
September 30th-Donations received to d	ate	3,940	12	-1	
Interest on deposit (June 30th)		20	18	0	
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July -Previously expended		1,643	15	6	
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July 10th—Proprietor "Kent Messenger"	,	10	13	0	
July 12th—Denniss Paine & Co	V.		9	10	
July 12th—Goulden & Wind		1	10	0	
July 18th—Cheque book	(UU	W ·	4	. 2	
July 25th—J. C. and J. Field, Ltd	•••	1	15	ō	
July 25th—Sergt. A. W. Hotson			5	10	
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July 31st—Mrs. L. E. Hunt	•••	19		3	
Aug. 6th—R. Dickeson & Co., Ltd	fro 1			0	
Aug. 9th-Petty Cash (Postage, Freight		1	15	0	
Aug. 23rd—J. C. & J. Field	•••	4	12	2	
Sept. 12th—Mrs. L. E. Hunt		A	17	10	
Sept. 13th—R. Dickeson & Co., Ltd	***	18	10	8	
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Balance at Bank	•••	172		2	
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GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from :-

Mrs. Nunn. Mrs. Austin. Mrs. O. B. Simpson. The Old Scholars of Haseltine Rd. (G) School. Mrs. Brock Hollinshead.

Chart Sutton Working Parties. Mrs. Buckle. Miss Mann. Mrs. and Miss Johnston. Mrs. A. Stewart Buckle.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Regiment as specified, viz. :-September 8th-1 case notepaper and envelopes 9th-1 case soap

August 30th-1 case safety matches

-1 case curry powder September 8th-1 case notepaper and envelopes

August 28th-2 cases candles " 30th-1 case curry powder

I case safety matches September 8th-1 case notepaper and envelopes

9th—1 case soap 23rd—2 parcels cap badges (290)

August 30th-1 case curry powder 1 case safety matches

September 8th-1 case notepaper and envelopes

9th-1 case soap

August	24th-1 case curry powder
,,	25th-1 case cigarettes (10,000), 1 case tobacco (20lbs.)
,,	30th—1 case safety matches
September	6th-4 bales: 100 shirts, 300 pair socks
"	14th—1 case cigarettes (10,000), 1 case tobacco (20lbs.)
"	21st—1 case curry powder
September	12th—1 packet cap badges (200)
,,	13th-1 case notepaper and envelopes
"	21st-1 case curry powder
August	26th-1 case eigarettes (5,000), tobacco (20lbs.)
11	30th -1 case safety matches

COMFORTS FUND.

Major-General Sir E. Leach's Fund has now been registered under the War Charities Act, and the Committee consists

> Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B. Colonel T. H. Brock. Major O. J. Daniell. Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Dalison. Captain D. P. Forestier-Walker,

of whom the three latter are serving at the Depot, which is the Administrative Centre of the Charity.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS FOR THE TROOPS.

The following letter has been received by Officer Commanding Depot :-

> War Office, London, S.W., September 7th, 1916.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward a copy of a memorandum containing details of the arrangements that have been made with regard to the supply of Christmas puddings to the troops.

The Council hope that all who may wish to contribute towards the provision of puddings will fall in with these arrangements, in order that all efforts may be directed through the same channels. It is only in this way that it will be possible to make an equal distribution, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. It will not be possible to guarantee delivery of puddings sent privately through the Military Forwarding Officer addressed to units or individuals, and they would only be sent at the expense of other gifts which the troops will naturally prefer to receive, a ration of pudding being provided already by the Christmas Pudding Fund.

Further enquiries on the subject of the Christmas Pudding Fund should be addressed to the "Secretary, Christmas Pudding Fund," at the offices of either the "Daily Telegraph" or the "Daily News," London, E.C.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. B. CUBITT.

The War Office have agreed to accept the offer of the "Daily News" and the "Daily Telegraph" to collect funds for the provision of Christmas puddings for the troops of the various expeditionary forces. A similar fund was instituted in previous years by the "Daily News," and as the Commander-in-Chief in France telegraphed to the "Daily News" last year, this fund enabled every officer and man to have 1 lb. of plum pudding with his Christmas dinner.

Appreciative acknowledgments were also received from the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, and from the Gibraltar and Malta Garrisons.

This year, in addition to the above, it is also preposed to send puddings for all the white troops in Mesopotamia and East Africa.

Difficulties of distribution make the success of the scheme dependent on the co-operation of all those desirous of sending puddings. Contributions should therefore be addressed to the Christmas Pudding Fund, care either of the "Daily Telegraph," London, E.C., or of the "Daily News," London, E.C. The Secretary of the Fund for either paper will be glad to get into communication with local societies who may be anxious to support the scheme. These contributions should consist of money only, in order to make the supply uniform in quality, to simplify the method of packing and inspection, and to facilitate transit.

All puddings will be subject to official inspection during the process of manufacture, and no puddings other than those provided by the Fund will be accepted for general distribution,

Owing to the conditions which now obtain at the various fronts and in view of the large number of Troops now serving abroad; it will not be possible to allow contributions to be earmarked for special units. All will be pooled and included in the general distribution.

September, 1916.

In view of the above, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, does not consider it advisable that Christmas puddings should be sent out from the Depot to the various battalions, as we were able to do last year, owing to the generous contributions of the "Kent Messenger" and our many friends. Should, however, those ladies and gentlemen who were kind enough to interest themselves in this matter last year be willing to do the same this year, and would care to send the amounts raised to Captain D. P. Forestier-Walker, Barracks, Maidstone, these sums will be forwarded to the "Daily Telegraph," and shown as coming "From the Friends of the Royal West Kent Regiment.

The sum of £100 has been sent to the "Daily Telegraph" from the Comforts Fund.

PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND.

It is only lately that we have heard of the splendid work that is being done by Miss C. K. Macy, of 10, Manor Grove, She interests herself specially in Beckenham's "missing" soldiers, and takes infinite trouble in tracing up any information which will afford bereaved or anxious rela-It is astonishing how she has been able to tives any relief. find the whereabouts of several Beckenham men, principally by corresponding with prisoners of war, and she has lately been in communication with some of the men now interned in Switzerland. Miss Macy has the grateful thanks of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., and of everyone who is serving or who has served in it.

We append extracts from two of the many letters received by Miss Macy:-

Corporal Sykes, Hants Regiment, writes : --

"I have met in my travels a lot of the dear old West Kents, and they "I have met in my travels a lot of the dear old West Kents, and they are always brave and smiling, and terrible fighters they are. We had a visit from 800 people from Geneva on Sunday last, when I was the interpreter. I spoke and explained the careers of different men, they were all anxious to hear the experiences of our chaps, and our men were as anxious to tell them. I did all the interpreting, finishing up with a headache; Goi bless you all, you dear kind people, will never be forgotten.

No. 766 Sergeant F. E. Bailey writes :-

"You will be surprised to hear that I am in Switzerland at Murren. On our arrival on Swiss territory we found crowds along the line cheering and waying Union Jacks, one could hardly realize the change in so short and waving Union Jacks, one could hardly realize the change in so short a time, it fairly took us aback, as it was kept up all along the route we took. Wherever we stopped people rushed to our carriages, and gave us cigarettes, chocolate, etc. At Berne we had a spread, and reception after reception until we reached Murren. This is a splendid place, and we live like lords in a new well furnished hotel; beautiful bedrooms and nothing seems too good for us. I am in charge of 32 men, there being 100 altogether in the hotel. And altogether there are seven hotels full of our men. There are four men of my Battalion here, Lance-Corporal Wood of D Company, and Privates Kirk and Savage of A Company, and myself,"

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer the Military Cross on the following officers of the Regiment in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

Second-Lieutenant G. F. Doble.-He carried out a very dangerous reconnaissance to find an observation post in front He was severely wounded. He has done of his Brigade. much fine work as Divisional Scout Officer.

Second-Lieutenant E. W. Sheppard .- He went forward under heavy fire and brought back a clear report of the situation. Though wounded, he insisted on remaining at duty.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field has been awarded to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s of the Regiment :-

6 Sergeant F. T. Cooker. - For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When our bombers had been driven back, he immediately reorganised the party under heavy bomb fire, and erected a new barracade. Later he climbed over the barricade, and brought in a wounded man from close to the enemy.

8535 Sergeant W. Traill. - For conspicuous gallantry. He displayed the greatest coolness and fine leadership when bringing his platoon up to the front trenches, through a heavy barrage. Later, when his Company was digging in, he walked cheerfully up and down under shell fire, and set a fine example. He has done other fine work.

7725 Acting Corporal G. E. Hatch.-For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of stretcher bearers, and when it was considered impossible for the stretcher bearers to go out, owing to the intensity of the fire, he went out by himself and worked with the utmost coolness for about seven hours until wounded. He was seen to carry back at least 50 wounded men.

The Military Medal for bravery in the field has been awarded to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment :-

333 Co. Sergt.-Major D. J. Davidson.

7456 Act. Co. Sergt.-Major S. M. G. Franklin.

8105 Act.-Sergt. A. Mitchell. 502 Act.-Sergt C. Young. 770 Cpl. W. Norburn. 465 Corpl. A. B. Attwood, 175 Cpl. W. Norburn. 33 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 3999 Pte. E. C. Bonner. 289 Pte. F. I. B. Attwood, 32 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 289 Pte. F. I. B. Attwood, 33 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 289 Pte. F. I. B. Attwood, 32 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 33 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 34 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 35 Pte. W. E. II. B. Attwood, 33 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 36 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 37 Pte. W. E. II. B. Attwood, 33 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 36 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 37 Pte. W. E. II. B. Attwood, 37 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 38 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 37 Pte. W. E. II. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 38 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. G. W. West. 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 37 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 38 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. A. J. Coward. 39 Pte. B. Attwood, 38 Act.-Cpl. Act. 30 Pte. Act. 30 Pte. Act. 30 Pte. Act. 30 Pte. 30 Pte. Act. 30 Pte. 30 P

537 Pte. W. Fuller. 11077 Pte. E. Gibbins.

518 Pte. J. Linge. 829 Pte. S. C. Mankelow.

653 Pte. C. Moon. 883 Pte. G. Moffatt.

386 Pte. S. E. Phyall. 869 Pte. A. Perrin.

816 Pte. C. Smythe. 910 Pte. R. E. Smith.

8321 Pte. A. Webb.

These Military Medals have been awarded for services rendered on various occasions during the progress of the campaign, and the ranks now shown are not in all cases the ranks held by the recipients of the decorations when the act of gallantry was performed.

Q.O.G.—SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN SEPT.

Pte. A. Rich, to July, 1917; Sergeant-Major Teer, to December, 1916; Co.-Sergeant-Major Wood, to March, 1917; Captain G. Stevenson to May, 1917; Miss Allen, to August, 1917; Mrs. Lander, to May, 1917; Mrs. Kitson, sen., to August, 1917; Sergeant Mansell, to August, 1917; Corporal Runacres, to August, 1917; Private Graysmark, to May, 1917; Mrs. Standen, to Decembor, 1916; Canon Lister, to August, 1917; Lady Cohen, to March, 1917; H. C. Lewin, to September, 1917. Major-General Sir E. Leach, K. C.B., donation of £1.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O. Next month we hope to print one of Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan.

The following is published for information :-

NAMES OF ARMY UNITS.

The Secretary of the War Office notifies for public information that in any publication whatever, including in that term matter printed in the daily or weekly Press or contained in any magazine, pamphlet, or in any report or appeal issued in any form whether for public or private circulation, no reference is to be made to any unit of His Majesty's military forces except under the general title, and no smaller sub-division of the unit is to be given. Where a unit is mentioned in connection with any event neither the date of the event nor the locality in which it occurred is to be specified.

In the case of Oversea contingents all infantry units should be shown as "Infantry." Mounted units may be shown as "Mounted Rifles," "Cavalry," or "Light Horse."

It is of great importance that this instruction should be observed. The only exceptions are official statements and statements for which official sanction has been given.

The following subscriptions to "The Queen's Own Gazette expire this month:—

Mrs. J. J. Barrow

Mrs. Bullen

Mrs. F. Hare

Miss E. Whitty.

Mr. G. H. Austin Mrs. V. Graham Miss E. Smith

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. MARTYN.

Brigadier-General Martyn has been passed fit for General Service.

LIEUT.-COLONEL P. UMFREVILLE, C.M.G.

Lieut.-Colonel Umfreville has been granted the temporary rank of Brigadier-General.

MAJOR-GENERAL W. G. B. WESTERN, C.B.

Major-General Western has been appointed Major-General in charge of Administration, vice Major-General F. F. Johnson, C.B.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. WOOD-MARTYN.

Lieut.-Colonel Wood-Martyn is progressing most favourably. He was hit by a shrapnel bullet in the thigh, which fortunately missed both bone and artery, and rolled out soon after he was admitted into hospital at Etaples. He has been sent home, and is in Clock House Hospital, Chelsea Embankment.

LIEUT.-COLONEL O. J. DANIELL.

Lieut.-Colonel Daniell, who has been in command of a Battalion in the Second Reserve since October 29th, 1914, has vacated the command, consequent on re-organization, thereby relinquishing the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and resuming that of Major. He is now employed on the Recruiting Staff in the Maidstone sub area.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. D. BUCHANAN-DUNLOP, D.S.O.

We regret to learn that Lieut.-Colonel Dunlop is sick. Major R. Lynch-White, D.S.O., is at present in temporary command of the Battalion.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. F. TOWNSHEND.

We regret that we have not received anything from the Battalion commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Townshend, whose death is much to be deplored, and that consequently all we can give is the following which appeared in the Times:—Lieut.-Colonel Arthur F. Townshend was the only son of the late Lieut-Colonel H. F. Townshend, of Castletownshend, Co. Cork. He was educated at Haileybury College, and joined the Army in June, 1894, being gazetted to the 2nd Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), with which regiment he served in India. In the South African War he served with the 4th Scottish Rifles, and was mentioned in dispatches. In 1903-1905 he was Military Consul in Turkey. He went to the front with his regiment in 1915, and had been twice wounded and mentioned in dispatches once—namely, on November 30, 1915. In January, 1916, he was appointed to command a Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment. He died on the 16th inst. of wounds received on the 15th.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR E. A. H. ALDERSON, K.C.B.

Lieut.-General Alderson has been appointed an Inspector of Infantry.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding 6089 Private J. Wright, who was reported missing on July 22nd, will be gratefully received by Mrs. Wright, 24, Woodlands Street, Hither Green Lane, Lewisham, S.E.

Any information regarding 6393 Private W. G. Clibbon, who was reported missing on July 22nd, will be gratefully received by Mrs. Smith, 25, Cavendish Road, St. Albans.

Any information regarding 9760 Lance-Corporal R. Fowler, who was reported wounded and missing on July 22nd, will be thankfully received by Mrs. L. Fowler, Cleggett's Farm, Ryarsh, West Malling, Kent.

If anyone who was in action with Private W. Hollman, 4947, "B" Company, reported "missing" July 22nd, could give any information of him, his wife would be sincerely grateful.—Mrs. Hollman, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks.

The following appeared in the "Times" on September 26th 1916:--

STH BATT. THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGT.)
In loving and honoured memory of

Second-Lieutenants V. Grantham Don, Cecil D. N. Lawson' Henry Oliver Beer, and of the N.C.O.'s and men who gave their lives for King and Country, and for the honour of their Regiment at the Battle of Loos, on September 26th, 1915; also in loving remembrance of the following who were reported "wounded and missing" on the same date, and from whom no news has been heard:—

Major L. Brock-Hollinshead, Captain A. C. Edwards, Captain P. M. Robertson-Ross, Lieutenant Perceval T. Smith, and Second-Lieutenants Raymond F. T. Burrell, Dudley Haldane Watts, Edgar A. Bigsby, Albert Nansen Harris, Leslie Gibbs, Percy W. Plant.

STABLES STABLES



Lieut.-Col. H. D. Buchanan Dunlop, D.S.O., Commanding a Battalion, Royal West Kent Regt.

MONTHLY CALENDAR of REGIMENTAL HISTORY NOVEMBER.

4th 1754-Formation of Shirley's 50th for service in North America.

Disbanded in 1756, when 52nd became 50th.

5th 1854—Inkerman. 50th, who were the only Regiment of the 3rd Division engaged in this battle, lost only 2 officers and 29 other ranks.

1813-Nivelle. 50th brigaded with 71st and 92nd, forming 1st Brigade of Hill's Division.

1884-1st Battalion left Cairo with Gordon Relief Expedition.

1844-"Runnymede" with detachment of 50th on board, 11th wrecked on Andaman Islands.

1863-50th landed at Auckland, New Zealand, for Maori 15th campaign.

1854-97th landed in the Crimea. Brigaded with 19th, 77th, 20th 88th, and 90th to form 2nd Brigade of Light Division.
1901—2 Companies of 2nd Battalion in Action of Spytfontein, 29th

Mr. HYDE'S PICTURE.

Several of our readers have written to enquire whether there was any prospect of Mr. Hyde's picture being engraved. We have, therefore, approached the Artist on the matter,

and he has kindly given permission for this to be done.

The work, however, cannot be undertaken unless a definite guarantee of 100 copies is obtained. The price of each copy will be from £1 1s. od. to £1 2s. 6d., and the size 30in. by 161in., exclusive of margin, and every copy will be signed by the Artist. As a preliminary measure the Editor will be glad to receive names and addresses of intending subscribers. Cheques should not be forwarded at present; 57 names have been received up to October 8th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL CLUB FOR DISABLED OFFICERS, 46 AND 48 WESTBOURNE TERRACE, W.

September 8th, 1916.

Hon. Secretary, Miss Phyllis Holman, 18, Connaught Square, W.

To whom all communications should be addressed.

DEAR SIR.

Will you allow me a short space in your magazine in order to make known the above Club, which will be opened in September. The two chief reasons for its inception are the following :-

- (1) To provide a comfortable and congenial residence for those Officers who have no home of their own and only limited means, and who as a result of wounds received in their country's defence, which have caused permanent disablement, have been invalided out of the services, and are prevented from undertaking lucrative forms of work in the future.
- (2) In the majority of cases of disablement a helping hand is alone needed, and the kindest and most practical way to help and cheer an Officer who has been called upon to make such a sacrifice, is in helping him to forget as far as possible his handicaps in normal and congenial surroundlorgs. Independence is a very dear possession, and it is often the sense of loss in this direction that is the most bitter part of the sacrifice such men are called upon to make.

This Club has been organised with a view to avoiding all hospital or invalid elements, although at the same time affording special facilities, such as the services of resident orderlies, and all forms of medical treatment, massage, etc., at inclusive terms, adapted in each case to the rate of pension, and varying from £1 1s. 0d. to £2 2s. 0d. per week.

Each Officer will have a bed-sitting-room, and the use of large common rooms, and a lift to each floor, and above all the assurance of individual consideration and independence.

In order to ensure a Club-like and social atmosphere, Officer friends may become non-residential members of the Club at £1 1s. 0d. per Yours truly, annum.

PHYLLIS HOLMAN.

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TREATMENT OF BRITISH N.C.O.'s IN GERMANY.

VISCOUNT GREY'S THREAT.

Copies of reports of visits made to prisoners' detention camps at Erfurt (May 18th) and at Langensalza (May 19th) by Drs. A. E. Taylor and D. J. McCarthy, on behalf of the American Embassy in Berlin, have been issued by the Foreign Office.

At Erfurt nothing of a grave character was noted. There had been a delay in the receipt of letters for six weeks, which the camp authorities promised to remedy.

At Langsensalza a serious condition of things came to light. According to the report of the medical men, the camp is divided into two general divisions) — for those willing and those unwilling (unwilling) to work. The latter are housed in "Strafbarrakken" (punishment barracks), and there were confined in this part 61 British, of whom three were sergeants, 27 corporals, and 30 privates. The ranking N.C.O., Jos. H. Sherry, 1st West Kent Regiment, stated that shortly after their arrival of the service of the serv rival at the camp they were asked to work, and those who had not volunteered to do so were transferred to the punishment camp. They were not permitted to smoke, to play cards, to attend or play games, and were deprived of hot water for tea. They could not have drinking water at night as the tap in the enclosure was under suspicion of being typhoidal. Two other sergeants complained of their treatment as they had broken no rules. Ten other men stated they were ill or unfit to work

A corporal (Corporal R. Snowden, 13th Canadian Battalion) complained that he had been roughly handled and kicked by a German under-officer.

An inspection of the food was made. The dish, acrid and disagree-able in flavour, was composed of Sauerkraut and potatoes with here and there small portions of fish, and it was impossible to decide whether the taste was due to decomposition of the Sauerkraut or the fish.

The attention of the Commandant was called to these complaints, particularly to the case of the non-commissioned officers and the men unfit to work.

Viscount Grey, in acknowledging the receipt of the report, remarked that the delay in delivering letters to prisoners must be attributed to some other cause at present unexplained than that assigned by the German authorities-transfer of prisoners from Erfurt to Langensalza.

In a communication dated August 14th the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs enumerates cases of punishment inflicted on British soldiers at various German camps and proceeds:—

His Majesty's Government have hitherto observed the agreement as regards non-commissioned officers both in the spirit and in the letter, and they had confidently looked for a similar observance on the part of the German Government. No German non-commissioned officer in the hands of His Majesty's Government is compelled to work, nor is any pressure, direct or indirect, brought to bear to induce him to volunteer to work. His Majesty's Government hold the view that the refusal of a non-commissioned officer to work cannot justify the withdrawal of any of the privileges of his rank, or of any of the amenities in the way of recreation, or otherwise, which would ordinarily be accorded to him.

"If the German Government refuse to accept this view and to act in accordance with it, His Majesty's Government will, to their regret, be compelled to adapt their treatment of German non-commissioned officers to that accorded to British non-commissioned officers by the German Government."

SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNDISPOSED OF

There is available for distribution among the next of kin or others entitled, the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased soldiers who formerly belonged to the Royal West Kent Regiment :-Application should be addressed by letter to

The Secretary, War Office,

Park Buildings, S. James' Park,

London, S.W.

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THE LORD LIEUTENANCY OF KENT.

"Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst,

"20th September, 1916.

"The Marquis Camden, who has now resumed the office of Lord Lieutenant of Kent, wishes to take the opportunity of publicly thanking Lord Harris for the able way in which he has carried out, as Vice-Lieutenant, the many and arduous duties since the outbreak of war."

"Belmont, Faversham.

"Lord Harris, on his retirement from the Vice-Lieutenancy, begs all who have helped him during the last two years to bring into activity the resources of the County to accept his gratitude or their cheerful and unstinted co-operation.

THE BRITISH ARMY'S TAXI.

Reuter's correspondent at G.H.Q. in France tells of a British soldier on a stretcher, alongside a German soldier, on the way back from Gueuedcourt, where "tanks" had figured. The German could speak English, and Tommy was saying to him Well, we've got your Gueuedcourt." "Yes," answered the Boche, "but you had to come in a taxi to take it."

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following:—
The hop-pickers who visit Kent from year to year have an education all their own. A lady visitor this week, with some experience of nursing, has been kindly lending them a helping hand. One woman had a bad eye; in fact, said she to the lady visitor, "It was so bad, miss, I was obliged to go and see an octopus!" Another woman told the same visitor that her husband was serving abroad and had been at the Guarding Hells!" While yet another was in dire trouble because her husband had won the V.C. "What we shall do with him when he comes home," she said, "I really don't know. Now he's been and got the V.C. 's; it was bad enough a few months ago when he only had the d.t.'s!"

A boy employed by a Jew in his office asked for a rise in his wages. "I can't give it you," said his employer. "Then I must get another berth," said the boy. "Well," added his Jewish master, "how many days are there in the year?" "365," said the boy. "This is Leap Year," said his employer, "so you may put down 366. Now how many hours a day do you work in this office?" "Eight," said the boy. "That," said his employer, "is one-third of the 24 hours; and one-third of 366 days is 122 Now, how many Sundays are there in the year?" "52," said the boy. "Well," said the master, "take 52 from 122; that leaves 70. Now as I am a Jew, you don't work Saturdays. How many Saturdays are there in the year?" "52," said the boy. "Well," said his master, "take 52 from 70; that leaves 18. How long a holiday do I give you?" "A fortinght, sir," said the boy. "Yery well, take 14 days from 18; that leaves 4. And how many Bank Holidays as well?" "Four," said the boy. "Just so," said his employer. "You see I am already giving you eight shillings a week for doing nothing and yet you want more!"

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The following is taken from the "War Dragon":-

VERY URGENT.

The following incident occurred in one of our Service Battalions. The Battalion was in the thick of it in a recent scrap—the enemy had got the range of Battalion H.Q. and began to "crump" it. Everyone took the best cover possible, but the M.O. "got busy" with the numerous casualties. In the midst of terrific shelling an orderly dashed up from Brigade H.Q. at something more than imminent risk of his life and handed a note to the M.O., saying, "Very urgent, for you, sir!" The M.O. gave another turn to the bandage he was putting on and opened the memo., to read, "Do you wish to take a Regular Commission?"

We are able to record a somewhat similar incident which occurred in one of our Battalions, which was on the point of occupying some first line trenches. An orderly from the Brigade H.Q. approached the Adjutant, with a communication marked "Urgent" The contents were as follows: "Please furnish at once a nominal roll of men of the Jewish persuasion serving in your Battalion."

"INTELLIGENCE."

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE ARMY.

An article with the above title appeared in the "Darly Mail" of October 11th, from which we extract the following:-

In trench warfare on the Western Front there are certain things that must be known if we are not always to be at the mercy of the enemy. Who are the troops opposing us at each particular point? What is their character? What is the record of their commanders? What guns have they? Where are these guns placed? Are they preparing new blows against us? How far back do their entrenchments go? Are they digging fresh mines against us? On the answers to these questions depend our success in defending ourselves against the enemy or in starting attacks on him.

Above all, we must find out who the men are against us. The infantry on the opposite lines are concealed in their trenches. One may live for a month in one particular section and scarcely obtain a glimpse of a German, try as one will. Sometimes the enemy obligingly make a raid and lose a number of men.

Where the enemy will not obligingly raid us it is often necessary for us to raid them and to capture some prisoners. All sorts of tricks are done by both sides to find who are up against them. For example, when the First Canadian Division went to the front the Germans could not discover for a time where they were stationed. So one night along a big section of the German front English-speaking Germans shouted out taunts to the Canadians across No Man's Land. "Come out and fight us, you blessed Canadians! Why do you hide away in your trenches? We will send you back to Canada soon." And so forth. The trick succeeded! The Canadians in the particular spot where they were placed, hearing these German cries and taunts, replied in kind, slanging the Germans. They gave the enemy the information they required.

Why trouble to ascertain what are the particular regiments opposed to you? For many reasons. In our own Army each section has its own methods of fighting. So it is with the enemy. The Germans know the record of the West Kents or the 48th Highlanders of Toronto as well as we do, maybe better. They probably have a card index for each of our colonels, as they certainly have a dossier for each of our generals. The Bavarian has different methods from the Saxon, and the regiment from Hanover will not always do the things that the men from Berlin will sink to. When we discover that regiments yesterday at Verdun are now brought against us, the fact has great significance for both the French at Verdun and ourselves.

FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE."

Following announcement is substituted for that of March 14th: Lieut. (Temp. Capta.in) J. E. Heinig reverts to Lieutenant (temporary) on alteration in posting with precedence as from August 31st, 1914 (September 21st, 1915); Lieut. J. E. Heinig to be Temp. Captain (October 30th). Lieut. (Temp. Captain) J. E. Heinig reverts to Lieutenant (temporary) on alteration in posting, with precedence as from August 3rd, 1914 (Nov. 26th). Lieut. J. E. Heinig to be Temp. Captain. (April 30th). Lieut. (Temp. Captain) J. E. Heinig reverts to Lieutenant (temp.) on alteration in posting, with precedence, as from August 31st (May 23rd)

DEPOT.

The Warrant Officers and Members of the Sergeants' Mess of the Depot Royal West, Kent Regiment met together on the 7th September, 1916, to entertain and congratulate 2nd Lieut. M. R. Audsley, our late Regimental Sergeant-Major, on having obtained a commission to Second Lieutenant in the Royal Defence Corps, after having spent two years with us at the Depot as Regimental Sergeant-Major.

The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and to the accompaniment of tobacco and refreshments.

An excellent vocal entertainment was given, which was much appreciated by all. A special mention should be made of the music, which was simply charming.

The chair was most ably taken by Regimental Sergeant-Major Drew, Mr. Audsley's successor, who was supported by Lieut. R. H. Eccles, the Adjutant.

Lieut. R. H. Eccles spoke most highly of the valuable services rendered to him by 2nd Lieut. M. R. Audsley and Q.M.S. H. J. Bass during the period he had been Adjutant, and although he wished 2nd Lieut. Audsley the best of luck in his new sphere of life, he greatly regretted his departure. However, there was one comfort, that on 2nd Lieut. Audsley's departure the Regimental Sergeant-Majorship's baton falls to Company Sergeant-Major Drew. He had known Regimental Sergeant-Major Drew since he joined the Depot, and much appreciated his soldierly qualities, and felt sure he would have the same assistance and support from him in the future as he had received from Mr. Audsley in the past.

The Chairman proposed Health and Prosperity to 2nd Lieutenant Audsley, Royal Defence Corps, which was highly applauded and drunk in musical honours. Mr. Audsley, in response, said he really felt sorry to leave them, and yet it was only right for their Regiment and Country for him to push ahead, the road of advancement being open to the glorious old soldiers of the Royal West Kent Regiment, not only for him but for all of them. He heartily thanked his brother comrades he knew so well for their kind support, and sincerely hoped that they all would rally round and support Regimental Sergeant-Major Drew the same as they had him, and although he was leaving them he should be pleased indeed to hear from any members of the Mess who might choose to write to him.

The Chairman next proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lieut. R. H. Eccles for his attendance and the kind words he had spoken that night,

The Chairman also gave a vote of thanks to C.S.M. Akhurst, Sergt-Harper and Sergt. Hibbert for the musical arrangements, a kindness which had added greatly to a pleasant evening.

The Chairman said: "There is still another very important item which must not be forgotten, the most excellent way in which Sergt. H. Moore and the Committee arranged the supper. Our best thanks are due for the able manner in which they catered for us on this occasion, and we all hope that more commissions will soon come along."

Many thanks are due to R.S.M. Drew for the smart way he sang "Dinah" and the most able manner in which he occupied the chair.

The following was the programme:—Pianoforte selection, Selected. Sergeant Hibbert; toast, "The King and Royal Family," Chairman; song, "The Lone, Lone Trail," Q.M.S. Morrison; song, "On the March," Sergt. Fowler; song, selected, Q.M.S. Giovanni; flute, mandoline and piano, selected, Sergt, Harper, Sergt Hibbert and C.S.M. Akhurst; toast, "Second Lieut. M. R. Audsley, R.D. Corps," Chairman; song, "Far Away," Sergt. Head; song, "Dinah," S.M. Drew; mandoline solo, selected, C.S.M. Akhurst; song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Sergt. Moore; song, Queen of the Earth," C.Q.M.S. Cornwall; song, "He didn't go to work that day," Sergt. Tovey; flute solo, selected. Sergt. Harper; song, "Job Lot," Sergt. Smith; accompanist, Sergt. J. T. Hibbert, "God Save the King."

NOTES.

Second Lieut (Temp. Lieut.) A. A. Watts, Special Reserve, is graded for pay as Staff Lieutenant 1st Class, and remains seconded.

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Temp. Second Lieut. D. H. Manwaring is appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

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Second Lieut, K. L. F. Armitage has been transferred to the Indian Army Reserve of Officers.

Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) E. B. Willis has been transferred to the Territorial Reserve in his permanent rank.

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The undermentioned N.C.O.'s are promoted Temporary Second Lieutenants (on probation) in our Service Battations:—Sergeant P. Paulson, from the Royal Sussex; Lance-Corpl. H. E. Shattock, from the Royal Fusiliers; Lance-Corpl. G. T. Hudson, from the Royal Fusiliers.

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Regimental Sergeant-Major M. R. Audsley, Depot, has been given a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Protection Companies of the Royal Defence Corps.

The undermentioned W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s have been granted commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Battations for Service in the Field:—Squad, Q.M.S. T. W. Bell, from the 6th Dragoon Guards; Acting Sergeant-Major F. Cousins.

Temp. Lieutenant A. A. Barling is transferred to the General List for duty with Trench Mortar Battalions.

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Cadet J. O. Knight is appointed Second Lieutenant (on probation) in the Special Reserve.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants are transferred from Reserve to Regular Battalions as temporary officers:—R. K. Young, E. A. Jenkinson and A. G. Anslow.

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R. F. L. Lumley has been appointed Temporary Lieutenant in the Garrison Battalion.

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Major H. D. Belgrave has been appointed an A.A. and Q.M.G.

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Captains A. S. Hewitt and C. W. Case-Morris, of the Regular Battalions, have been promoted Majors.

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Temp. Second Lieutenant J. S. Mayhew, Second Reserve, relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health.

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Temp. Lieutenant F. W. Waydelin is transferred to a Service Battalion from a Reserve Battalion, and is promoted Temporary Captain.

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Temp. Second Lieut. F. Allen is transferred to a Service Battalion from a Reserve Battalion, and is promoted Temporary Lieutenant.

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Captain D. J. Johnston has been appointed an Instructor at the School of Musketry, and is granted the temporary rank of Major while so employed.

Second Lieut. C. J. A. Kysh, Special Reserve, has been promoted Lieutenant.

Cadet S. L. Noakes has been gazetted Temporary Second Lieutenant (on probation) in the Regular Battalions.

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Temporary Second Lieut. F. H. Lewin, Service Battalion, has been promoted Lieutenant.

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Temporary Second Lieutenants (on probation) and attached to the Regular Battalions:—F. R. Hogbin, C. W. Loudoun, J. D. Ward, A. Bell, T. Rooney and L. P. Y. Smith.

The following promotions have taken place in our Service Battalions:
—Temp. Lieut. C. R. Smith to be Temp Captain; Temp. Second Lieut. A.
K. Hall to be Temp. Lieutenant.

* * * * * * * * * * Second Lieut. R. H. W. Roberts, Territorial Battalions, is seconded for duty with the Machine Gun Corps.

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Temp. Second Lieut. E. F. Bozman has been promoted Temp Lieutenant in the Regular Battalions with precedence next below Lieutenant E. A. Sharpin,

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants in the Regular Battalions have been promoted Lieutenants:—F. C. Hyde and R. M. Lees.

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Major N. E. Money, D.S.O., Shropshire Yeomanry, has been appointed to the command of a Territorial Battalion of the Regiment, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while so employed.

Second Lieut. (Temporary Lieutenant) A. A. Watts, Special Reserve, is promoted Temp. Captain whilst specially employed.

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Cadet G. H. Hodgson (late Captain Malabar Volunteer Rifles) is appointed Temp. Lieutenant on probation, and attached to the Regular Battalions.

Temp. Captain C. S. Emden, from a Service Battalion, is appointed a Temp. Captain (attached) in the Regular Battalions.

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The undermentioned are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants (on probation) in our Service Battalions:—Pte. C. F. Fryer, from A.S.C.; Pte. C. F. Davis, from H.A.C. T.F.

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Captain (Temp. Major) A. E. Hills, Territorial Battalions, has been promoted Major.

Captain R. B. Bazley-White, attached Egyptian Army, has been posted to the Equatorial Battalion.

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Co. Sergeant-Major S. Drew has been promoted to Regimental Sergt.-Major, and posted to the Depot.

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Lieut.-Colonel T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., has been appointed General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, to a Division.

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Major C. B. Robb, Territorial Battalions, has been appointed D.A.A.G. to a Divisional Area.

Temp. Second Lieut. I. W. Ames, Service Battalions, relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health.

Lieut-Colonel A. E. Norton. Territorial Battalions, relinquishes his commission on ceasing to command a Battalion.

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Colonel A. G. Jeffreys, Commanding Local Reserve Battalion, has been transferred to the command of a Battalion in the Training Reserve.

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Temp. Second Lieut. F. T. Licence has been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in the same rank.

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Temporary Second Lieut, P. J. Chaplin, Second Reserve, is transferred to the General List. ${*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*} \ {*}$

The undermentioned Warrant Officer and Private have been granted Commissions in the Regular Battalions for Service in the Field:—Co. Sergt.-Major C. H. Grist, from East Kent Regiment; Pte. A. V. McDonald, from 4th Dragoon Guards.

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Major E. A. Fagan 36th Jacob's Horse, Indian Army, who formerly served in our 1st Battalion, has been appointed to the command of a Brigade, with the temporary rank of Brigadier-General. He has lately been attached to a Territorial Battalion of the Liverpool Regiment, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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Second Lieut (Temp. Captain) R. C. M. Bolton, Territorial Battalions, relinquishes the temporary rank of Captain on alteration in posting.

Second Lieut. M. R. Le Fleming, Territorial Battalion, has been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, and promoted Temporary Lieutenant.

Temporary Lieut-Colonel O. J. Daniell (Major retired pay, late of the Regular Battalions) relinquishes his temporary rank on vacating the command of a Battalion in the Second Reserve.

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Major A. d'E. Knox has been appointed a Brigade Major,

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The undermentioned Second Lieutenants in the Territorial Battalions are promoted Temporary Lieutenants:—L. G. Brooks, E. W. Carvosso and K. O. Smithers.

Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood, Special Reserve, from Assistant Instructor, has been appointed Instructor at the Machine Gun Corps Training Centre.

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Temp. Second Lieuts. A. Melville-Jackson, Second Reserve, and P. T. Stanley, Local Reserve, relinquish their commissions on account of ill-health.

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Temp. Second Lieut. O. J. Wade is transferred to the General List on appointment to Royal Flying Corps as a Flying Officer.

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The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Temp. Second Lieutenants on probation and attached to the Regular Battalions:—R. L. Brock and T. C. Parker.

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The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Second Lieutenants on probation in the Special Reserve Battalion:—G. L. Donaldson and L. Pyrke.

The undermentioned Cadet is appointed Second Lieutenant on probation in the Territorial Battalions:—C. A. W. Duffield.

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Second Lieut. H. Harris had the honour of being received by His Majesty on October 7th, when the King decorated him with the Military Cross.

Major R. M. G. Tulloch, D.S.O., has been appointed a General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade.

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Co. Sergeant-Major H. Hibbett has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant for Service in the Field.

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Lieut, S. T. L. Maunder, Special Reserve, is seconded for duty with Trench Mortar Batteries.

The undermentioned Temporary Lieutenants are appointed Temporary Captains whilst Commanding a Company :--W. H. Carre and A. K. Fall

Second Lieuts, J. H. Ashton and G. H. Huggan, Special Reserve, have been promoted Lieutenants.

Cadet J. B. Atherton Carter has been appointed a Second Lieutenant on probation in the Territorial Battalions.

NOTES FROM INDIA.

Apparently we have now reached the end of the monsoon, for we have had no rain for nearly a fortnight, and as a consequence conditions that remind one very forcibly of the summer have returned. So noticeable is this that the services of the much-abused punkah-wallahs are again in great demand.

As regards sport, little worthy of record has happened during the past month, most of the various Sports Clubs apparently being content to wait until they get their full strength back at Headquarers before attempting anything beyond practice games, etc. A football match between teams representing our Corporals and the Corporals of the Hants, played on the Garrison Ground, resulted in a drawn game of two goals each.

Our Rugby enthusiasts, however, have played with such consistent success throughout the monsoon season, that they begin to hold quite big ideas as to their abilities in this somewhat strenuous branch of sport. True, the Garrison has not been able to put much in the way of variety up against them, but the fact remains that they have had little difficulty in winning almost every match they have played. This has emboldened them to enter a team for the Calcutta Rugby Football Tournament, which leaves the station by mail train this evening. Amongst the Officers who will accompany them, and probably play for the Battalion, are Captains F. C. Bourne and C. Norman, and Lieuts. Swanston, Traught and Douglas.

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Roll of Konour.

It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of October :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Captain W. Newton, Brigade Major.

Captain R. B. Holland.

Captain B. A. Purver.

Lieut. A. D. L. Wilson (attached Inniskilling Fusiliers).

Lieut. W. R. Hackett.

2nd Lieut. S. Lawrence.

2nd Lieut. S. J. Coales

2nd Lieut. E. E. Lamb (attached Lancashire Fusiliers). 2nd Lieut. D. J. V. Knott. 2nd Lieut. J. S. Longuehay.

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2nd Lieut. E. Smith.

2nd Lieut. G. M. Gray.

2nd Lieut. R. Watson.

2nd Lieut. H. N. Dickinson.

2nd Lieut. H. G. R. Prior.

2nd Lieut. W. H. Griffiths.

2nd Lieut G. T. Hudson.

2nd Lieut. T. W. Roberts.

2nd Lieut. F. G. W. Marchant (attached Royal Flying Corps).

2nd Lieut. G. A. Ward.

2nd Lieut. W. L. Kirkham (attached Loyal North Lancashires).

2nd Lieut. W. E. M. Stuart.

WOUNDED.

Major R. L. White, D.S.O.

Captain H. Warren.

Captain F. B. Le Cocq (attached Dublin Fusiliers).

Captain P. Clarke-Richardson.

Captain L. V. Stone.

Captain F. A. Wallis.

Captain T. T. Waddington, M.C. (second time).

Captain M H. Carre, M.C. (second time).

Captain E. T. Williams

Captain M. Robertson (attached Lancashire Fusiliers).

Lieut. F. G. Frazer.

Lieut. J. O. Heath.

2nd Lieut. H. V. D. Dyson. 2nd Lieut. J. H. Woodall.

2nd Lieut. A. R. Hogg.

2nd Lieut. L. D. B. Drummond.

2nd Lieut. P. Paulson.

2nd Lieut. G. G. Samuel (second time).

2nd Lieut. R. G. Cookson.

2nd Lieut. H. C. Edmunds

2nd Lieut. P. B. S. C. Monypenny.

2nd Lieut. A. V. D. Morley. 2nd Lieut. F. Brownlee.

2nd Lieut. H. Buffee.

2nd Lieut. H. E. Shattock.

2nd Lieut. I. T. Grant.

2nd Lieut. R. B. Dunt.

2nd Lieut. F. R. Hogbin.

2nd Lieut. R. R. Rochat.

2nd Lieut. A. V. Macdonald.

2nd Lieut. E. P. Smyth.

2nd Lieut. P. Stevens.

2nd Lieut. G. Radclyffe.

2nd Lieut. C. A. Smellie.

2nd Lieut. F. J. Argent 2nd Lieut. C. L. Faunthorpe. 2nd Lieut. A. T. Benson (attached Trench Mortar Battery).

MISSING.

Captain A. K. Hall.

Lieut. S. Wilks.

2nd Lieut. H. A. Taylor, M.C. (attached Royal Flying

2nd Lieut. O. J. Wade (attached Royal Flying Corps).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

2nd Lieut. G. Smith.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW KILLED.

2nd Lieut. G. T. Mansfield.

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2nd Lieut. R. K. Matheson (attached Manchesters).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

2nd Lieut. C. W. P. Selby (attached Royal Flying Corps).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW WOUNDED AND MISSING.

2nd Lieut. N. C. Barrs.

FORMER OFFICER (WOUNDED)

Lieut.-Colonel E. V. O. Hewett, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding a Battalion South Wales Borderers).

ATTACHED OFFICERS (KILLED).

Lieut. W. S. Lacev, R.A.M.C.

2nd Lieut. P. J. Gibbons (East Surrey).

ATTACHED OFFICER (DIED).

Lieut. S. B. Gregory (Devons).

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WARRANT OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

5162 Co. S.M. A. Bristow (attached 6771 Co. S.M. G. M. Coc. Dublin Fusiliers). 6843 Co. S.M. J. T. Bandy

WOUNDED.

5614 Co. S.M. J. Hayley 8620 Co. S.M. W. Lamb

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, KILLED IN ACTION.

| 1242 | Sergt. | J. Baker | 4873 | LcCorpl. H. Bishenden |
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| 8497 | Sergt. | C. Smith | 12895 | LcCorpl. A. Greenslade |
| 10838 | Sergt. | G. Springbett | 10084 | LcCorpl. R. C. Calver |
| 6487 | Sergt. | L. E. Lacey | 8206 | LcCorpl. A. Lovell |
| 8129 | Sergt. | S. W. White | 11270 | LcCorpl. H. J. Whyman |
| 7357 | Sergt. | H. Nurden | 4340 | LcCorpl Packhard |
| 8406 | Serot | A Vickers | 9633 | LeCornl. H Shaw |

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| 9918 | Sergt, W. Norton | 9574 | Corpl. A. Cooper | |
| 8159 | Sergt, A. Payne | 7757 | Corpl. A. Duke | |
| 8530 | Sergt. G. Skinner | 5310 | Cornl F Hoyle | |
| 8036 | Sergt. E. Symonds | 8989 | | |
| 9862 | Sergt. C. Tarrant | 1240 | Acting Corpl. J. Villers | |
| 367 | Sergt, H. Carnell | 9324 | | |
| 101 | Sergt. A. Norris | 8482 | LcCorpl. P. Redman | |
| 6042 | Sergt. N. Loft. | | LcCorpl. E. Twychett | |
| 6254 | Sergt. J. Priddy | 8774 | | |
| 8759 | Sergt. A. Robinson | 4778 | LcCorpl. W. Witherden | |
| 6265 | Sergt. C. Thurling | 5498 | LcCorpl, A. Wright | |
| 9917 | Sergt. G. Botting | 7312 | | |
| 9041 | Sergt. M. Fisher | | LcCorpl. D. Satchell | |
| 8932 | Sergt W Martin | 9185 | LcCorpl. J. Banfield | |
| 2664 | Sergt, J. Parrott | 6341 | LcCorpl. W. Calvert | |
| 8130 | Sergt. E. J. Cheeseman | 1406 | LcCorpl. E. Cunningham | |
| 10056 | Sergt. B. Anthony | 5029 | LcCorpl. W. Butlin | |
| 8637 | Sergt. B. Anthony
Sergt. G. Branson | | LcCorpl. F. Fisher | |
| 6742 | Sergt. M. J. Darton | | LcCorpl. E. Freeborn | |
| 8156 | Sergt. A. Ham | | LcCorpl. J. Holliday | |
| 8067 | | | LcCorpl. J. Hunt | |
| 9317 | Sergt, H. Laster | 10956 | LcCorpl. C. Hunt . Hunt | |
| 7446 | | 9462 | | |
| 10486 | | 10554 | LcCorpl. E. Liddiard | |
| 8180 | Lance-Sergt, A. Lloyd | 13296 | LcCorpl. E. Plant | |
| 10348 | Lance-Sergt. S. H. Swift | 4060 | LcCorpl. W. Russell hall | |
| 9900 | Lance-Sergt L Richards | 10169 | LcCorpl. T. Smith | |
| 10337 | Lance-Sergt. E. Croudy | 11309 | LcCorpl. B. Smith | |
| 6864 | Corpl. G. T. Levey | 12852 | | |
| 8289 | Corpl. R. Richardson | 6005 | | |
| 8951 | Corpl. L. Cole | 16043 | | |
| | Corpl. W. Bolton | 10351 | LcCorpl. H. Stedman | |
| 7709 | Corpl. W. Budgeon | 5676 | | |
| | Corpl. F. Davison | | LcCorpl. W. Ralph | |
| 7442 | Corpl. E. Hunt | 8463 | | |
| 9995 | | 8066 | | |
| 7501 | | 9457 | | |
| 8257 | | | LcCorpl. W. Eaton | |
| 7718 | | | Lc-Corpl. J. Elie | |
| 399 | Corpl. H. Jennings | 9047 | | |
| 2717 | | | LcCorpl. C. Gardner | |
| 4905 | | 8268 | | |
| 6465 | | | LcCorpl. G. Harris | |
| 261 | Corpl. H. Sawyer | | LcCorpl. R. /Hill | |
| | Corpl. T. Butler | | Le-Corpl. E. Jackaman | |
| 8012 | Corpl. J. Collins | 8212 | LcCorpl. W. Kent | |

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

7375 Corpl. O. Rogers

MISSING.

628 Sergt. W. Challis 3931 Lc.-Corpl. L. Chapman 11189 Lc.-Corpl. T. Pembroke

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| 2182 | Sergt. R. Walsh | 2404 LcCorpl. F. Fish |
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| 3985 | Corpl. J. Dobson | 9959 LcCorpl. A. Harvey |
| 1844 | Corpl. A. Field | 1717 LcCorpl. G. Levison |
| 2287 | LcCorpl. P. Barden | 3801 LcCorpl. A. Styles |
| 1601 | LcCorpl. C. Broad | 1073 LcCorpl. S. Turner |

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| 10996 | R. Fissended | | F. Axell |
| 4264 | J. Tween | 14510 | G. Chapman |
| 10123 | W. Bassill | 13468 | H. Driver |
| 1486 | R. Evans | 12709 | |
| 14530 | F. Barker | | H. Long |
| 6252 | W. Cripps | | A. Smith |
| 14535 | A. Gostick | | S. Wansbury |
| 12744 | J. Huckstep (1110) | 1408 | E. Sands |
| 10816 | H. Moyce | 11230 | W. H. Church |
| 12177 | E. Tabrett | 10844 | C. J. Tomei |
| 6025 | F. C. Potter | 6863 | R. W. Bennett |
| 10240 | A. Ashton | 8657 | |
| 9681 | J. E. Sargeant | 6882 | F. Hearnden |
| 10823 | W. Ashwell | 9346 | A. Watson |
| 10499 | E. Goodchild | 53 | A. Akhurst |
| 8203 | F. Hayward | 7216 | |
| 10276 | P. E. Smith | 5722 | |
| | S. Whittle | | C. Early |
| | C. Bailey | | C. Lawrence |
| | R. Coling | | R. Lyons |
| 6356 | A. Dyke | 1313 | |
| | W. Harrison | 2358 | W. Smith |
| | W. Lawrence | 12182 | H. Thorpe |
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| 9786 | W. Rumens | 9285 | A. Blackwell |
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| | G. Hadler | 10203 | A. Slaymaker |
| 9348 | A. Cole | 11145 | C. Nicholls |
| 8827 | G. Dowding militainml had | 6453 | J. Bass |
| 8358 | C. Hewitey | 2966 | G. Pearson |
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| 10612 | C. Pascoe | 9366 | |
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| 8939 | G. Dursley | | |

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| 5 | J. Palfreman | 9821 | A. | Wright |
| 5 | A. Marshall | 11331 | R. | Turner |
| 8 | A. Webster | 10985 | E. | Kane |
| 8 | G. Adams | 8430 | J. | Woods |
| 2 | W. Anderson | 10562 | T. | Allen |
| 2 | E. Baker | 6646 | E. | Barrett |
| 4 | C. Blackwell | 11765 | L. | Bennett |
| 3 | C. Butler | 5778 | | Bowers |
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| 217 H. Hogben | 8933 A. England | 8459 C. Newlyn | 10759 E. Smith | | | |
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13488 W. Kirby | 10297 C. Gehreken | 10415 H. Pascall | 10278 H. Cox
11134 H. Edney | | | |
| 3744 A. Lazzell | 8557 A. Grant
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| 12876 A. Marshall | 6632 H. Balkham | 11225 A. Phillip
11226 R. Pinder | 8456 W. Jones | | | |
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| 10655 F Waller | 9834 W. Back | 5927 J. Pickerin | g 1842 C. Laker | | | |
| 12011 D. Weller | 2376 D. Andrews | 7217 R. Cox | 10464 H. Anstiss | | | |
| 12521 F. Whitebread | 9097 J. Ault | 9004 G. Owen | 11017 E. Brockwell | | | |
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10894 W. Wiskin | 9914 J. A. Beerling | 12246 P. Sweetser | 10361 G. Calman | | | |
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| 4950 W. Mallion | 10075 F. Carrington | 9444 L. Buxton | 10388 T. Duffield | | | |
| 1714 J. Baker | 8966 F. Clarke | 11385 H. Crisp | 11277 G. Edney | | | |
| 6369 A. Barton | 11378 E. Cox | 11289 S. Dance | 10135 F. Frost | | | |
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| 5009 A. Chapman | 8172 T. Davey | 11232 W. England | 9094 G. Hayden
9086 A. Hibben | | | |
| 1888 G Everett | 10726 J. Edmonds | 8640 C. Foulger | 8270 P. Holman | | | |
| 93195 S. Ford | 9691 P. Elmer | 11246 E. Gayler | 8946 W. Hucks | | | |
| 2558 A. Higgs | 9237 D. Enwright | 10603 G. Hewlett | 11405 R. Hurst
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| 12024 H. Hockley
10830 J. Lock | 8357 H. Fox | 10768 A. Hollis | 9059 A. Longhurst | | | |
| 10277 S. Morris | 11498 W. Gerrish | 10605 C Hurrell | 8990 E. Luesley | | | |
| 9305 H. North | 10555 N. Graves | 9618 G. Jacobs | 8304 J. Martin
9109 E. Paro | | | |
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N.B .- "Killed in action" includes "Died of Wounds" and "Wounded" includes "Shell Shock" or "Concussion" or "Gas Poisoned."

COMFORTS FOR THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The following is the Twenty-fifth List of Donations received up to Oct. 28th, 1916, in answer to Major-General Sir E. Leach's appeal :-

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| Mrs. Beer (6th donation) | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sir Robert Bredon, K.C.M.G. (4th donation) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Captain E. L. Heygate (6th donation) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Kent Regts. Comforts Fund (per Lord Harris) | 84 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Newton (5th donation) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Barrow (4th donation) | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. N. Barker (2nd donation) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss E. M. Barrow | 25 | 0 | 0 |
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GIFTS IN KIND

Have been received from :-

Mrs and Miss Johnston. The Roan School for Girls. Mrs. Burbury.

THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Regiment as specified, viz .:-

9th-1 case notepaper and envelopes. Oct.

20th-1 case soap.

26th-1 bale bread bags (16).

10th-3 bales shirts (150).

12th-1 bale socks (300 pairs).

18th-1 case brown leather laces (1,008 pairs).

21st-3 cases 30,000 cigarettes and 1 case tobacco (40lbs).

.. 13th-3 bales shirts (150) and 2 bales socks (300 pairs).

Sept. 27th-1 case safety matches.

29th-1 case curry powder.

9th-1 case notepaper and envelopes.

23rd-1 case safety matches,

Sept. 27th-1 case safety matches-

29th—1 case curry powder.

9th—1 case notepaper and envelopes.

11th—2 cases candles.

11th-3 parcels cap badges and numerals.

20th—1 case soap. 23rd—1 case safety matches.

Sept. 27th-1 case safety matches.

29th-1 case curry powder. 9th-1 case notepaper and envelopes.

20th-1 case soap.

23rd-1 case safety matches.

Sept. 27th—1 case safety matches.
,, 30th—1 case cigarettes (10,000) and 1 case tobacco (40lbs,).
Oct. 9th—1 case notepaper and envelopes.

12th-1 case cigarettes (10,000) and 1 case tobacco (20lbs.).

Oct. 20th—1 case curry powder.

, 23rd—1 case safety matches.

, 26th—4 bales containing 55 parcels, from the Roan School for Girls.

Sept. 29th-1 case safety matches.

28th-1 case cigarettes (5,000) and tobacco (20lbs.).

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

The undermentioned Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment have been mentioned in despatches by Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake, K.C.B., Commanding Indian Expeditionary Force D. :-

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel R. J. T. Hildyard, D.S.O.

Major H. D. Belgrave.

Major C. R. Ingram.

9366 Private (Local Sergeant) W. G. Jackson.

9152 Corpl. W. Loft.

8130 Lc.-Corpl. (Acting Sergeant) J. H. Hawkes.

Also the following Officers who previously belonged to the Regiment :-

Brevet Colonel (temp. Brigadier-General) J. W. O'Dowda

(Royal Dublin Fusiliers). Major W. S Leslie, 31st Punjabis.

Also the undermentioned who were recommended by Major-General C. V. F. Townshend, C.B., D.S.O., for distinguished service during the defence of Kut-el-Amarah :-

Major J. W. Nelson, D.S.O. Captain M. J. Dinwiddy.

Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O.

6529 Co. Sergt.-Major M. C. Crisford.

8154 Co. Sergt.-Major R. Roythorne.

6078 Col.-Sergeant (Acting Co. Sergt.-Major) R. Darley.

7909 Co. Q.M. Sergt. E. Bough.

3628 Sergt. T. Dixon.

9802 Lc.-Corpl. A. Brown.

8358 Pte H. A. Barden.

1893 Pte. A. H. Cooper. 8565 Pte. H. F. Page. 8413 Pte. A. E. Playford. 8539 Pte. J. P. Westborn.

1515 Pte. W. E. Whiffen.

Also the following officer and private attached:-Lieut. E. B. Burns, East Kent Regiment.

3180 R. Hockaday, Devons.

OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mrs. Bingham Stevens, of The Beck, Wateringbury, informs us that the girls of her Bible Class have for some time taken a great interest in the Prisoners of War who belong to the Regiment, and contribute largely to Mr. Spoor's Fund. The money box is now full for the fourth time. The girls belonging to the class, and their younger sisters and friends in the village, contribute willingly, they also work for it and recite for it, and take great pride in the knowledge that they are helping our Prisoners of War. Every Sunday prayers are specially offered on their behalf. Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, desires to express his hearty thanks to Mrs. Bingham Stevens and her girls for their sympathy and generosity, which is gratefully appreciated by all who are connected with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

REPATRIATED PRISONERS.

The undermentioned wounded men have been repatriated and admitted to Queen Alexandra's Military Extension Hospital, Millbank :-

> 5424 Private F. Breakspeare. 9063 Private E. Knott.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

For some time past there have been rumours that the Germans have certain camps for Prisoners of War in Belgium from which no correspondence is allowed. Miss Macy has kindly forwarded us a letter she received from Lance-Corpl. F. Sykes, of the Hampshire Regiment, who is interned at Chateau d'Oex, in Switzerland. He says :-

"I received a letter this morning from a lady of good authority who has been in conversation with a person who has recently come from Belgium. This person states that there are several English soldiers, prisoners, who have been found on the battlefield, and probably reported as missing, but they are in Belgium and no one knows of them They are certainly in want, as they are not known to be there. They are the men who have passed the last twelve months of the war.

There are numerous reasons for not hearing from these lost ones. I have perfect confidence that soon good news will await some I would have perfect confidence that soon good news will await some, I would wish all, but some will have that greatest joy of knowing of their lost ones' whereabouts."

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards to the following Officers of the Regiment for Distinguished Service in the Field:

D.S.O.-Captain P. M. Anstruther, M.C.-When sent forward to report on the situation he found some 150 men scattered about the edge of a wood with no officers. He rallied them and pushed on to the final objective, consolidated his position, brought five machine guns into action, and maintained his position against attacks from three sides.

M.C.—Temp, 2nd Lieut. F. H. Lewin.—He laid telephone wires under heavy fire, and maintained communication both forward and backward throughout the day and during the night. He used the enemy's wire when his own was finished, and frequently repaired his wires under heavy shell fire.

M.C.-Temp. 2nd Lieut. A. Roscoe.-For conspicuous courage and ability in leading his patrol past the enemy advanced defences, over ground completely new to him, thereby gaining valuable information.

M.C.-Temp. 2nd Lieut. E. G. Brown.-He, with his Company, held a trench for eight hours under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. Later he drove off an enemy attack

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

630 Sergeant A. E. Cook.-For conspicuous bravery during an attack, when acting as M.O.'s orderly. Sergeant Cook assisted Captain Watkins Williams, the M.O., in collecting and dressing the wounded in "No Man's Land" under heavy fire and displayed great coolness and contempt of danger; several wounded men being hit a second time while he was dressing them. He continued his work without cessation until all the wounded in his vicinity had been collected and dressed.

280 Sergt. J. W. Coomber.-For conspicuous gallantry when acting with an Officer's Patrol. Sergeant Coomber never ceased to encourage and help the men, with total disregard to his own safety, and his assistance to the Officer was invaluable.

8130 Lance-Corporal (Acting Sergeant) J. H. Hawkes.-For conspicuous gallantry in action, when he led his platoon with great bravery and skill, frequently exposing himself under heavy rifle fire, to keep it under control.

4202 Acting Corporal V. Norrington. - For conspicuous gallantry in charge of two squads of bombers during lengthy operations, when he caused the enemy severe casualties and took twenty prisoners. On one occasion he exhibited great bravery in digging out, in full view of the enemy, three comrades who had been buried by a shell.

2183 Lance-Corporal H. W. Chapman.—For conspicuous gallantry in handling his Lewis Gun Section in action. When nearly all his men had become casualties, Lance-Corporal Chapman collected other men, instructed them in the use of the gun, organised them into teams, and by this means he was enabled to keep his guns in action, greatly contributing to beat off the enemy attacks.

8509 Private W. J. Back.-For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Although wounded, he gave most gallant assistance to his officer, and finally rescued his body under heavy shell and rifle fire.

8595 Private H. J. Portwain.—For conspicuous gallantry in action He carried messages under heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. Later he carried ammunition to the front line.

The King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field to the following N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment :-

4078 Sergeant J. L. Johnson.

2437 Corporal H. P. Pink.

1544 Private H. Barden.

4205 Private T. Bennett. 1194 Private E. Blackman.

1550 Private C. N. Cheeseman.

2396 Private E. E. Farmer.

1562 Private F. Hubble.

2174 Private J. Simpkins, 1538 Private C. W. Sivyer, 3497 Private A. H. Whyatt.

5245 Private F. Wilson.

SECOND LIST.

7292 Sergeant (Acting Co. Sergeant-Major) E. Bradman. 9401 Co. Q.M.S. W. Marslin.

8129 Sergeant (now Co. Q.M.S.) S. Cronk.

9917 Sergeant G. Botting.

9879 Sergeant J. Gilbert.

8339 Sergeant F. W. Mann.

8226 Sergeant J. Rabbit.

8927 Sergeant E. F. Weston.

7640 Lance-Corporal W. Smith.

7076 Private J. W. Calow. 625 Private E. H. Cherriman. 5618 Private W. Scarborough. 10105 Private F. Scrivener.

3187 Private A. W. Watson, 8740 Private T. W. White.

THIRD LIST,

10382 Sergeant F. Sadler.

7519 Corporal A. Knevett.

2717 Corporal A. J. Bates.

5217 Private A. E. Field.

1441 Private W. Peddlesden.

2239 Private F. W. Hammond.

12586 Private J. H. Allchin.

5575 Private P. T. Flight,

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

The King has been pleased to award the Meritorious Service Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O. in recognition of valuable services rendered during the present war:—725 Sergeant W. Wood.

FORMER OFFICER.

D.S.O.—Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) E. V. O. Hewett, C.M.G., Reserve of Officers, now Commanding a Battalion of South Wales Borderers.—"For consistent gallantry and good service. During a prolonged period of operations he has, by his fine example and good leading, done excellent work with his Battalion."

MONTHLY CALENDAR of REGIMENTAL HISTORY DECEMBER.

9th 1813-Passage of the Nive. The advance led by the 50th,

13th 1813—St. Pierre. Casualties of 50th; 11 officers and 112 other ranks.

17th 1807-50th left Portsmouth for Gibraltar en route for Peninsula.

18th 1845—Moodkee Casualties of 50th, 6 officers and 119 other ranks.

21st 1845—Ferozeshah. During the action two Sikh Standards were captured by the 50th. Casualties, 6 officers and 113 other ranks.

21st 1854—50th present at repulse of Russian sortie from Sebastopol, Casualties, 9 officers and 35 other ranks.

25th 1756—Shirley's 50th disbanded, and 52nd renumbered the 50th.

25th 1814—1st and 2nd Battalions of the 50th amalgamated in Ireland.

25th 1818—Old 97th ("The Queen's Own," and formerly the Minorca Regiment), disbanded.

26th 1798—Formation of old 97th (Stuart's Minorca Regiment).

29th 1779—Stanton's 97th sailed from Plymouth, convoyed by Rodney's fleet, to reinforce garrison of Minorca.

29th 1843-Punniar. Casualties of 50th, 3 officers and 40 other ranks.

30th 1885—Ginnis, 1st Battalion brigaded with Berkshires and Durhams to form 1st Brigade under Butler.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS FOR THE TROOPS.

In the last paragraph but one in the article under the above heading, which appeared in our October issue, the last sentence should read as follows:—"Should, however, those ladies and gentlemen who were kind enough to interest themselves in this matter last year be willing to do the same this year, and would care to send the amounts raised to Captain D. P. Forestier-Walker, Barracks, Maidstone, THESE SUMS WILL BE EXPENDED IN PURCHASING EXTRA CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR THE VARIOUS BATTALIONS OF THE REGIMENT, IN THE SAME MANNER AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan. Next month we hope to print one of our Colonel, Major-General Sir Edmund Leach, K.C.B.

The following subscriptions to "The Queen's Own Gazette" expire this month:—Mrs. B. Steel, Lieut. L. F. Schooling, and Major H. R. Worthington.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding 1871 Private H. Smith, who was reported Wounded and Missing on July 1st, will be gratefully received by his father and mother, 12, West Street, Wrotham.

Any information regarding S/628 Sergeant W. G. Challis, Signalling Section, who was reported Missing on September 1st, will be gratefully received by his wife, 6, Bridge Terrace, Maidstone.

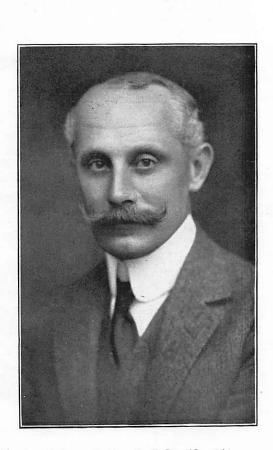
Any information regarding 19184 Private J. Pettitt, who was reported Missing on July 18th, will be thankfully received by his father, Mr. Pettitt, 3, Halton Terrace, Camden Road, Sevenoaks.

Any information regarding Private J. H. Kember, who was reported Wounded and Missing on July 13th, will be thankfully received by his parents, Ivy Cottage, Lughorse Lane, Yalding.

Any information regarding 3806 Private Parkes, who was reported Wounded and Missing on July 13th, will be thankfully received by his mother, Mrs. A. Parkes, Ivy Hatch, near Sevenoaks.

Any information regarding the undermentioned men, reported "Wounded and Missing" or "Missing" will be gratefully received by Miss C. Macy, 10, Manor Grove, Beckenham:—In September and October, 1915: 2778 Corpl. W. Bowen, 1354 Lance-Corpl. W. Lusted, 5512 Pte. J. Lusted, 5374 Pte. L. Poole, 4171 Pte. A. Sharpe, 3681 Lc.-Corpl. R. Goulding, 1360 Pte. M. C. Frost, 5450 Pte. W. Baker, 5371 Pte. W. Scriven. In July, August and September, 1916: 6668, Lance-Corpl R. H. Elliott, 11195 Pte. C. Paine, 425 Pte. A. J. de Bruin, 2952 Pte. H. Freeman, 1661 Pte. A. Coulter, 1842 Pte. C. Laker, 8415 Pte. F. Riddles, 11107 Pte. E. Giblin.

Any information regarding 12309 Private F. C. Message, who was killed in action on September 29th, will be thankfully received by his parents, Rose Acre, Bearsted, Maidstone.



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Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Woulfe-Flanagan,
Commanding a Battalion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we publish the following letter from Major J. H. Coates:—

1,320 Revere Ave, Bay View,

San Francisco.

Dear Sir,—To introduce myself—I am an old veteran, perhaps the only one left, of the Royal West Kent Regiment which fought the Maoris in New Zealand in the years 1863-66. My number was 899.

I am a member of the Uniformed Rank, Sons of St. George, here in San Francisco, and have been raised to the rank of Major. We have done a good deal of work for the soldiers at the Front, having sent over 70,000 dollars



GENERAL GIBBS. MAJOR COATES.
Uniformed Ranks.
SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

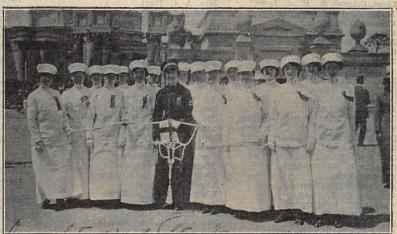
in cash, and many shirts, pyjamas, and hospital supplies. I myself have obtained a good many subscriptions for the Tobacco Fund, but nevertheless have received no news from any of the soldiers at the Front as to the receipt of the tobacco.

I am, therefore, enclosing five dollars in U.S. currency and ask you, if it will not be too much trouble, to see that as many as possible of the men in the Royal West Kent Regiment now at the Front receive a package of tobacco. I would also request you to ask some of them to write me a line saying they have received it.

I cannot fight myself, but would like very much to hear from some of the boys in my old Regiment now at the Front. Also, would it be possible for you to send me one of the cap badges. Thanking you for any trouble I may cause you,—Believe me,

Yours faithfully, J. H. COATES.

Captain D. P. Forestier-Walker has replied to Major Coates' letter, thanking him for his generous gift, and a cap badge has been sent to him. We have also forwarded his letter to the Officer Commanding the Battalion. Major Coates will be pleased to know that there are at least five Officers of the Regiment left who served in the New Zealand War-Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., Colonel R. H. P. Doran, Lieut.-Colonel C. R. King, Brigade Surgeon O. Owen, and Major R. J. Roche. We shall be glad to be informed of any other Officers, N.C.O.'s and men who still survive, whose names we would like to publish in this paper, and also forward to Major Coates. We print two photographs which Major Coates has kindly sent us.



DAUGHTERS OF ST. GEORGE.

TWO BABU STORIES.

Two stories of the Babu Indian, forwarded by a correspondent in German East Africa, are communicated to the "Express" from Cape Town.

The Indians practically run the railways in German East Africa, says the correspondent, and one of the Indian stationmasters at some little siding sent the following wire to headquarters:—

"Station attacked by Germans. Please send soldiers. Am personally proceeding to jungle."

In the second case a Babu stationmaster in almost identical circumstances proved that he was made of sterner stuff. He was about the most laconic, competent, deadly earnest stationmaster and marksman combined that ever lived. A regiment of men such as he would end the war, for this is the wire he sent:—

"One hundred Germans attacking the station. Send immediately one rifle and 100 rounds ammunition."

(From the "Globe and Laurel").

The following appeared in the "Kent Messenger" of October 21st:-

THE "SINGING" WEST KENTS.

"You can scarcely conceive the effect which the recent fighting has had upon the spirits of our men," said an officer of the Kentish Battalion indicated in the official communique as having taken part in the recent successful advance north of Pozieres. "They advanced singing, they went through the enemy's trenches singing; they used their bombs and bayonets singing; and they only stopped singing when they were told that they must not go any further."

Mr. HYDE'S PICTURE.

Several of our readers have written to enquire whether there was any prospect of Mr. Hyde's picture being engraved.

We have therefore approached the Artist on this matter, and he has kindly given permission for this to be

The work, however, cannot be undertaken unless a definite guarantee of 100 copies is obtained. The price of each copy will be £1 2s. 6d., and the size 30in. by 161 in., exclusive of margin, and every copy will be signed by the Artis. As a preliminary measure the Editor will be glad to receive names and addresses of intending subscribers, Cheques should not be forwarded at present. The following are the names of subscribers received up to November 12th (90 copies) :-

Major General A. Martyn (two Major C. V. Molony. copies).

A. Bush, Esq.

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Captain G. Elgood. Lieut.-Colonel N. H. S. Lowe. Major A. d'E. Knox.

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Lieut. W. R. Cobb.

2nd Lieut, W. J. Ewen. 2nd Lieut, S. J. Needham, M.C. 2nd Lieut, J. B. Freeman. Sergeant Dorrell.

Q.O.G.—SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN OCT.

Mrs. Salis, to Aug., 1917. Lt.-Col. Bonnam-Carter, to Aug.,
Mrs. Mills, to Sept., 1917.
R. L. Travers, to July, 1918.
Mrs. Buckle, to Sept., 1917.
Mrs. Barker, to Sept., 1917.
Mrs. Hart, to Oct., 1917.
Arthur Squires, to Sept., 1917.
Colonel Prior, to Sept., 1917.
Mrs. Bingham-Stevens, to Nov. Corpl. Wingrove, to Jan., 1917. Mrs. Ransome, to March, 1917. Mrs. Ransome, to March, 191 J. S. Mayhew, to Sept., 1917. J. J. Phillips, to Sept., 1917. Albert Dennis, to Sept., 1917. Mrs. J. J. Barrow, to Oct., 1917. G. C. Sparrow, to Sept., 1917. Miss Barttell, to Aug., 1917. Capt. Hodgin, to Dec., 1916. Mrs. Bullen, to Oct., 1917.

Mrs. Salis, to Aug., 1917.

Mrs. Hastings, to Aug., 1917.

M. D. Cooper, to Sept., 1917.

Lt.-Col. Bonham-Carter, to Aug., 19202nd Lieut, R. H. Clarke, to Sept., 1917.

Znd Lieut, G. T. M. Lewis, to Sept., 1917. G. H. Austin, to Oct., 1917

Major-Gen. W. G. B. Western, C.B.

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C.M.G. Lieut, H. U. S. Nisbet. Lieut, I. Heaton.

2nd Lieut, S. B. Smith. 2nd Lieut, C. M. Francis, Brigadier-General P. M. Robinson,

2nd Lieut, B. L. Clay. 2nd Lieut, R. S. Hebblethwaite, 2nd Lieut, W. L. Gascoyne. 2nd Lieut, R. Bull.

Mrs. Travers.

2nd Lieut. B. Wade, to Sept., 1917. 2nd Lieut. H. G. Duffield, to Sept., 1917.

2nd Lieut. G. L. Donaldson, to Sept.,

Lieut. G. S. Kerr, to Sept., 1917. 2nd Lieut. H. T. Bond, to Sept., 1917 2nd Lieut. R. Maltby, to Sept., 1917. 2nd Lieut. A. Godley, to Sept., 1917. 2nd Lieut. C. L. Miskin, to Sept., 1917.

2nd Lieut. T. A. M. S. Lewis, to Sept., 2nd Lieut. S. J. Needham, to Sept.,

2nd Lieut. L. Pyrke, to Sept., 1917.

FROM A BATTALION IN FRANCE.

"A" COMPANY.

There is very little to record in the way of Company news for the past month.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to No. 10582 Sergt. F. Sadler, No. 2717 Corpl. A. Bates, and No. 12586 Pte. J. Allchin, who have been awarded the Military Cross.

Since we have been out at rest—af least, they call it rest, although we have had four billets in three weeks—we played "B" and "D" Companies at football, beating "B" Company (5-0) and drawing with "D"

Neither of the teams were at full strength owing to a number of men being away at the seaside.

That they had a good time is needless to say, all of them coming back much better in health and spirits, and full of the delights of a French seaside resort.

No seaweed was brought back, so we shall still have to rely on the S.M.'s rows to know what weather is coming.

"B" COMPANY.

A few lines on the work of "B" Company, from the beginning of A new lines on the work of B Company, from the deginning of August to the end of September must remain blank, as the Censor places his pencil very heavily on information. Can only say that the Battalion did all that was expected of them, which speaks for itself these times.

We were at rest until September 6th, and spent the best part of our we were at rest until september out and spent the best part of our time at sport—football chiefly, consisting of Company and Platoon matches. The most exciting proved to be the final, between Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons, who entered the final for a money prize, and, money being scarce this way, all were out for it. No. 8 proved the winners after extra time by 7 goals to 5. This afternoon was occupied by another match between "B" Company and the Signallers, "B" Company proving victors by 6 goals to nil, the "Sigs" having to place out washouts.

We are now in reserves in rather a quiet place.

On Sunday we are to have a football match between Officers and Sergeants, cricket and boxing. The last is especially for those who want their own back on Officers and N.C.O.'s.

We were all sorry to lose our much respected Regimental Sergeant-Major, although we have been very lucky in finding another sportsman to fill his place.

All the boys are in the very pink of condition.

"C" COMPANY

In spite of the lamentable lack of encouragement shewn to us by the censor in our recent efforts to get a "look-in" in the "Buster," we, having in mind our regiment's reputation for perseverance, have decided to try once again. So please, Mr. Censor, just wink the other eye for once and I'll promise not to say anything about the great things that the Battalion, especially "C" Company did at ———.

Well, I suppose I must confine myself to peaceful items, i.e., to items dealing with the happenings that have occurred since we left the scenes of our various little arguments with Fritz & Co. We were informed (as usual) that we were going back for a long "rest"—some believed it, but—I'm afraid many of the old firm were not so optimistic; I must coness that in my unbiassed opinion events have proved that the aforementioned "old firm" knew something!

Still, it certainly has been a relief to be away from the locality of portable fron foundries, etc., personally I'd bid quite a lot for the mineral wealth of this "B.E.F." when we've all finished with this pre-

The outstanding feature of our "rest" has been a visit of 150 of the Battalion to the seaside for a four days' holiday (*). "During which a certain amount of training will be carried out" (extract from Battalion Orders). Well, we did the training (and commented thereon) and then thoroughly enjoyed ourselves for the rest of our available time. May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincerest sympathy with those of the Battalion who did not get an opportunity of going there. They missed a "Stone-ginger.

In spite of the recent warm weather, we've had quite a lot of foot-ball lately. In the absence of our "stars" at the seaside, "D" Company made the most of their opportunity and beat us 1-0. (Kindly note, I'm saying where their stars were at the time. A very amusing, if not instructive match was that between Nos. 9 and 11 Platoons and Nos. 10 and 12 Platoons. The former opened the scoring, and at half-time had a 2—1 advantage. In the second half Nos. 10 and 12 equalised, and so the game finished. "Thanks," said Nos. 9 and 11 to the doubtful qualifications of Sergeant —, of No. 10, as a referee.

In a recent shooting contest, too, the Company made quite a good show, two of their teams reaching the semi-final, but No. 15 Platoon of "D" Company proved just a trifle too good for No. 11 of "C" in the final, as the latter lost the 30 francs prize, and I have it on good authority that they were not the only losers over the affair.

In conclusion, we extend our sincerest sympathy to the relatives of those of our comrades who have fallen in our recent fighting; also

our very best wishes to those who have contracted "Blighty-ones"may none of their injuries prove permanent or too painful!

Now, Mr. Censor, I have not committed any infringement, have I?

No? Then I may reasonably expect to see these lines in print in the near future. Thank you!

Stop Press News :- "C" Company

On the point of going to press comes the welcome news that we have having ended in a 3-2 victory for us; thus we have another illustration of the truth of that well-known hymn, "There must be something in the seaside air," etc.

"D" COMPANY.

I am afraid our correspondent has been somewhat lax of late, but really through no fault of his own. We look forward every month to receiving the "Gazette" and learn what our comrades in the other Battalions are doing. It gives us keen satisfaction to see how well they are upholding, and adding fresh laurels to the name of our old Regiment.

I am afraid we cannot say much, owing to the Censor's eagle eye, but above all must say the boys of "D" are in the best of spirits. The majority of us were given a well-earned four days' rest at the seaside, which was much appreciated, the weather and all conditions being "top-hole.

Owing to "irade" being brisk, organised sports have been out of the question, but we have had time to play "A" and "C" Companies at football. The match with "A" Company resulted in a draw, each side scoring twice; with "C" Company we had better luck, beating them 2—1 after a fast game.

We fear news is rather scanty this month. We will endeavour to make our paragraph a little more interesting next month.

OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Sir Percy Lake states in para. 47 of his despatch of August 12th, published in "The Times" of October 13th :-"In this engagement (the attack on El Hannah) the following units particularly distinguished themselves by their steadiness and gallantry: -1st Batt. Connaught Rangers. . . " As a large contingent of the Royal West Kent Regiment were attached to the Connaughts at this time, we cannot but think that we are entitled to share the tribute they received.

A WELCOME GIFT.

The inhabitants of Tunbridge Wells have, through the Mayor, most generously given a second Furber Ambulance to one of our Battalions to replace the one lost in action. This makes the sixth of these ambulances that has been prepresented to the Regiment by the people of Tunbridge Wells. We are informed by the various Commanding Officers that these ambulances, which carry two men and are hand-propelled, are invaluable and enormously appreciated, and the Regiment tenders its grateful thanks to the kind donors.

MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Major (Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) J. C. Parker, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, to Alice, elder daughter of the late Captain J. E. H. Flint, Elder Brother of Trinity House, and of Mrs. Flint, of Bessels Green, Sevenoaks, took place in London in Nov-

SECOND RESERVE.

Lieut.-Colonel O. J. Daniell on relinquishing the command of his

Battalion issued the following order:

Lieut-Colonel O. J. Daniell desires to express to all ranks his most sincere appreciation of the very loyal support given to him during the time that he has been in command of the Battalion, almost He wishes to thank all ranks for the very thorough and keen way

in which they have thrown themselves into the work of training, the good result has been shewn by the excellent drafts that have been sent overseas.

He wishes especially to thank the Orderly Room Staff and the Quartermaster's Department for the excellent way in which they have

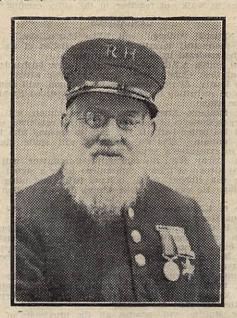
worked and helped him.

On relinquishing the Command of the Battalion, he wishes to all ranks a most hearty "Good bye" and "Good luck to all."

OUR OLDEST SOLDIER.

We regret to announce the death of Private William Adams, late of the 50th The Queen's Own Regiment at the age of 95. He was an In-pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where he died on October 28th. He served with the Regiment in India and was present at the Battles of Punniar in 1843 and Moodkee in 1845, and was in possession of the Punniar Star and Sutlej Medal. He was wounded at Moodkee and invalided out of the service on March 25rd, 1847. Many of our readers will remember his being present at the Old Comrades' Association Dinner at the Cannon St. Hotel on April 19th, 1913. It is believed that Ptc. Adams was the last veteran who wore the Star for Punniar. He was buried at Brookwood Cemetery on November 3rd, and a representative of each rank—from Warrant Officer (Regimental Sergeant-Major S. Drew) to Drummer—was present from the Depot. The "Last Post" was sounded by Drummer G. Taylor. We regret to announce the death of Private William Adams, late by Drummer G. Taylor.

Through the courtesy of the "Kent Messenger" we are enabled to publish a photograph of the old veteran, which was taken in 1914.



TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is regretted that for obvious reasons it is not possible to print the verses "The West Kents' Lament," sent by two members of the Signal Section of one of our Battalions in France.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

Headquarters, 11th June, 1916.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of the programme of the first performance of the Miss-Fires, a band of devoted heroes who are endeavouring to cheer the existence of those who toll at these headquarters.

The programme is written in an alleged humorous vein, and there appears to be some foundation for the allegation, as a man in a kilt, believed to be a Scotchman, was observed to smile at the efforts of the

It is hardly necessary to add that the performance was a great success, and gave considerable pleasure to a crowded house.

Yours faithfully, H.B.

PROGRAMME. DON'T MISS THE

MISS-FIRES

PRICE NUPPENCE.

(But, on the other hand, don't chuck things at 'em; they're doing their best).

Exit : Free. Entrance: 1 franc, 50 centimes, 30 centimes.

The following is a rough idea of the treat in store for you. It has been extracted from to-day's German Wireless, but the General Staff Intelligence B Section) refuse to take any responsibility for its accuracy. If you don't like the performance, come again next time.

Special Rules made by order of the Lord Chancellor, The Hague Tri-

(1) The audience must be free to leave by any exit after any of the

turns. None but Field Punishment Prisoners shall be constrained to sit out the whole performance.

The safety curtain shall be lowered after a performer has been

hit by any three consecutive eggs.

(3) Waiting at the stage door for the actresses in the Cinema Plays is rigorously prohibited.

Notice .- All costumes worn in this show supplied by H.M. Clothing Notice.—All costumes worn in this show supplied by H.M. Clothing Department. Hats by Mme, Pimlico. Wigs by Tatcho. Scenic effects by the Army Troops Whitewash Company. Other effects by accident.

Advt.—''Trench Tips.'' The wonderful book on modern warfare, written by the Special Correspondent of "Home Chat," will be shortly issued, Full of valuable information, definitions, etc., such as "Trench Feet.—A malady contracted by not calling in the plumber soon enough to attend to one's trenches. Not to be confounded with cold feet. Can be avoided by sitting on the parapet,"

"Conscientious Objector.—One who objects to the shedding of any blood, especially his own."

blood, especially his own."

"Promenade?—A French word meaning 'I love you, my darling. Be mine, and let us walk out together in the stilly evening."

CASUALTIES.

(1) "The National Anthem" and "The Marseillaise." The tunes, having been thoroughly investigated by Pte. Roche, of the Intelligence Corps, will be rendered by him on the piano.

(2) Corporal Smith, A.S.C., will demonstrate how husbands may spend an evening at their clubs without annoying their wives.

(3) Private Hardy, Army Troops Supply Column, will issue the latest communique on recruiting in Tunmorset accommendation by himself for the

communique on recruiting in Zummerset, accompanied by himself (so to

speak) on the piano.
(4) Private Simpson, Army Troops Supply Column, will bring sympathetic tears to the eyes of married men by his rendering of a pathetic ballad about his better half. If you dare to applaud him he will sing again in a minute. (Private Smithers will smite the piano to smithereens in sympathetic symphony).

(5) Corporal Darby, R.E., the famous prestidigitateur, will present his famous Darby Group of tricks. Guaranteed to be a signal success. He

will produce silk ribbons, cards, billiard balls, and other R.E. stores out of nothing. He can also make things disappear. Don't lend him

your watch.

(6) Captain D. L. Ingpen, the Court-Martial Caruso, will carol captivatingly about Young Maidens and Old Trumpeters.
(7) Captain P. C. Carr will lecture on the following military subjects:
(a) Operation orders issued before the Battle of Agincourt. (b) Some

(8) Private Bidault on the violin and Lieut. Andra at the piano will soothe the savage breast still wanting its money back.

(9) The Camp Quartermaster-Sergeant will issue, at the top of his Army Form, melodious information to all ranks, concerning:—(a) The Dursmit. (b) An interesting malayly and its companyed. Pursuit (b) An interesting malady and its symptoms. Corporal Parker will strafe the keyboard accordingly.

(10) Private Mullins will (against all the provisions of the Official Secrets Act) make public the following information collected by him

while employed with the Intelligence Police:-(a) Confidential Report on one Moira, a girl. (b) Investigations into the Irish question.

(11) During changes of scene, stage waits, unexpected intervals, fire riots, etc., Pte. Hudson and Pte. Hardy will attempt to drown the noise by playing sweet melodies on the piano.

Also (12) Cinema, Movies, Films, Reels, Pictures, etc. (By kind permission of Charlie Chaplin, who has wired to say, however, that he considers it better, for himself, to appear on the film than among the audience). (From "The Sapper").

WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL, MAIDSTONE.

NEWS PRODUCED OF

Our wounded men in the Hospital at the Depot sent last month a gift of fruit to the patients in the West Kent General Hospital, and received the following gracious acknowledgment:-

Dear Sir,—Many thanks for the fruits sent to the patients by the wounded men of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Their kindness is greatly appreciated. We have all read of their brave deeds at the Front, and are very proud of our countrymen, and hope they will all soon be well and strong again.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

M. MORTON, Matron.

TO HIS CHUM'S WIFE,

Private J. Fletcher, whose address he has, writes to the Editor of the "Kent Messenger" as follows:—

Sir,—I am writing to you hoping you will assist me, through the medium of your widely known paper, to find the address of my chum's wife. He left Fort Darland, Chatham, last November for the Indian Expeditionary, Force to Mesopotamic with me. I see in the Indian Expeditionary Force to Mesopotamia with me. I see in the papers that he is missing, and he left a message with me when I was wounded to deliver to his wife. He lived in one of the villeges off the Chatham Road, between Maidstone and Chatham, and his name is Pte. H. Laws, Royal West Kents. Hoping you will do your best, as I should like to carry out my chum's wish for the sake of his wife and children.

THE HISTORY OF THE WAR.

The following letter appeared in the "Times" of September 29th:-REGIMENTAL RECORDS FOR THE KING'S LIBRARY.

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,-May I beg for your kind assistance in the following matter? His Majesty the King has been interested to learn that certain regiments and battalions have prepared printed records of their work, so far as it has gone, during the present war. Two or three of such records have been most kindly sent to me, either by the authors or by the regiments concerned; and the perusal of these makes me anxious to collect, if possible, a complete series for the Royal Library. May I therefore ask of such units as have printed, or are printing, records of this kind (whether in the shape of a regimental chronicle or in what form soever) that they will be good enough either to send me a copy, or to inform me where a copy may be obtained?

The kind encouragement of officers has been a continual support to me during the 20 years which I have so far devoted to the history of the British Army. May I now make bold to appeal to them, not only upon my own behalf, but on behalf of the unborn historian to whom, long after I am dead and forgotten, will fall the gigantic task of writing, with a nakedness of truth that is necessarily forbidden to me, the full story of the present war?

All communications should be addressed to the Librarian, Windsor

I am, etc.,

J. W. FORTESCUE,

Librarian to the King.

September 27th.

Consequent on the above, copies of "The Queen's Own Gazette" from September, 1914, were forwarded to Mr. Fortescue, and he has kindly written to say that they will prove of great assistance to him. All future issues of this paper will also be sent to him.

DON'T WORRY LITANY.

SERENE PHILOSOPHY OF THE FRENCH SOLDIER.

This is the Litany of the Poilu, as set forth by Miss Kathleen Burke, who is writing in "Land and Water" a series of articles descriptive of her visit to the French Front—
"Of two things one is certain: Either you're mobilised or you're

not mobilised.

'If you're not mobilised there is no need to worry; if you are mobilised, of two things one is certain: Either you're behind the lines or you're on the front.

If you're behind the lines there is no need to worry; if you're on the front, of two things one is certain: Either you're resting in

a safe place or you're exposed to danger.

"If you're resting in a safe place there is no need to worry; if you're exposed to danger, of two things one is certain: Either you're wounded or you're not wounded.

"If you're not wounded there is no need to worry; if you are wounded of two things one as the place of two things one is certain."

wounded of two things one is certain: Either you're wounded seriously or you're wounded slightly.

"If you're wounded slightly there is no need to worry; if you're or you die.
"If you recover there is no need to worry; if you die you can't worry."

MARRIACE

DEPOT INTELLIGENCE.

It was a great pleasure to all ranks at the Depot when it was known that our Colonel, Major-General Sir E. Leach, K.C.B., intended paying us a visit, and no stone was left unturned by the Commanding Officer to show in every possible way in his power how much we all appreciated the honour the General was conferring on us.

The Regimental Guard was composed entirely of old soldiers, or the sons of old soldiers who had served under the General, and a General Salute was sounded on his ar-

Every man, with the exception of the Cooks, was on parade, "A" Company being comprised of wounded and convalescent men, and "B" Company of recruits.

After inspecting the parade, Sir E. Leach spoke to many of the men, being especially interested in those who wore the Egyptian medal. He also addressed the Parade, saying what a great pleasure it was to him to see them.

and how proud he was of their gallant deeds and the manner in which they had upheld the honourable traditions of "The Queen's Own." Lieut.-Colonel Iremonger then called for three cheers for our Colonel, which was most heartily responded to-a real grand roar of appreciation.

The General then had luncheon with Lieut.-Colonel Iremonger and the Officers. He afterwards, escorted by two of his former subalterns-Major O. J. Daniell and Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Dalison-inspected the Quarter Guard, and visited the Quartermaster's Stores, for the purpose of thanking Major J. Couch for the great interest and trouble he took in the administration of the Regimental Compassionate Fund. Visits were also paid to the Comforts' Fund Stores and the Regimental Institutions. We need hardly say how greatly all appreciated this visit of our Colonel, and that we all look forward to the day when we shall see him again.

MOTES FRO STON OPOTAMIA.

Lieut, R. L. Travers has been seconded for service with the Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force.

Second Lieut. H. A. Taylor has been promoted to Flight Commander in the Royal Flying Corps, with the rank of Temp. Captain whilst so employed. Captain Taylor was shown as missing in the Casualty Lists in September.

* * * * * * Second Lieut. (Temp. Captain) C. E. Haward, of the Territorial Battalions, reverts to the temporary rank of Lieutenant on alteration in posting.

Lieut. (femp. Captain) W. R. A. Dawson, D.S.O., is promoted Temp. Major whilst Second in Command of a Service Battalion. * * * * *

The undermentioned Officers from the Local Reserve are transferred to the Training Reserve.—Temp. Major (Captain and Hon. Major) C. V. Molony, Temp. Captains C. H. Hawes, W. H. Bracewell, A. A. Vigers, Temp. Lieuts, G. N. Bunyard, H. C. Hopkins, L. Hinge, R. C. Baylis, R. D. Jackson, Temp. Second Lieuts, H. Horst, G. D. Meadowcroft, H. Longbottom, G. H. Ardill.

Mr. J. T. Blount, who will be remembered by many as a former Sergeant in the 1st Battalion, and now Manager of the Soldiers' Vic-toria Hall, Dover, has received a commission as Quartermaster, with the temporary and honorary rank of Lieutenant in the 1st Cinque Ports Batt. of the Kent Volunteer Regiment.

* * * * * * Temp. Lieutenant S. Wilks is transferred from the General List to one of our Service Battalions.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants (Temp. Lieutenants) in our Territorial Battalions to be Temporary Captains: T. E. G. Haywood, A. J. Mitchell, J. H. Selfe, C. E. Stern, H. L. Beeston, S. J. Southerton, L. Taylor. Also the undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Temporary Lieutenants: N. Boucher, L. J. Lumby, H. S. Mitchell, A. E. W. Thomas, H. J. Dunn, E. G. King, C. E. Staddon, F. C. Irons, W. Moorcraft, H. B. Antill, H. P. Taylor, R. W. Turner.

Second Lieut. (Temp. Captain) D. C. Stern, Territorial Battalion, is promoted Temp. Major and vacates the appointment of Adjutant.

* * * * Lieut-Colonel E. H. Norman had the honour of being received by the King on October 21st, when His Majesty invested him with the Insignia of Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Temp, 2nd Lieut. J. S. Mann is promoted Temp, Lieutenant whilst serving with a Cadet Unit.

Temp. Major C. St. A. Wake, C.M.G., from the Middlesex Regiment, is transferred to Royal West Kent Garrison Battalion.

2nd Lieut. E. W. Sheppard, M.C., has been appointed Acting Captain whilst Commanding a Company of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

* * * * * * The following Second Lieutenants are transferred from Reserve to Regular Battalions as femporary officers: C. L. Faunthorpe, D. D. Smith, C. G. Lush, L. Edmonds, J. H. O'Malley.

The undermentioned Temp. Second Lieutenants are transferred from Reserve to Service Battalions: V. H. Holroyd, S. E. Wadey, H. W. Davison. * * * * * *

Private W. Hill, from a Service Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, has been promoted Temp. Second Lieutenant, on probation, in our Regular Battalions.

* * * * * * Private E. O. Phillips, from one of our Service Battalions, has been promoted Temp. Second Lieutenant on probation in the same.

Lieut. W. J. Saveall, from T.F. Reserve, General List, to be Temp. Lieutenant in the Territorial Battalions, and seconded for duty with a * * Provisional Battalion.

Cadets G. T. Lewis, G. E. Neves, K. Pfeuffar, A. Godley, C. L. Miskin and T. P. Jones are appointed Second Lieutenants on probation, and attached to Regular Battalions.

* * * * * * Captain H. J. Dresser, Cheshire Regiment, is appointed Acting Major while employed as Major at Headquarters.

The undermentioned Lieutenants of the Special Reserve relinquish the rank of Temp. Captain: W. R. Cobb and C. T. Bennett.

Temp. Second Lieutenant G. Bullen relinquishes the rank of Temp.

Lieutenant.

Lieut. J. E. Liebenrood, Special Reserves, relinquishes the rank of Temp. Captain, and is seconded for duty with the Machine Gun Corps. * * * * * *

Temp. Lient. B. A. Purver, since killed in action, was promoted Temp. Captain from September 16th.

Temporary Second Lieut. H. G. R. Prior, since killed in action, was promoted Temp. Lieutenant from September 16th.

Temporary Second Lieut, G. D. Henderson has been promoted Temp.

The undermentioned Cadets are appointed Second Lieutenants on probation in the Special Reserve: J. N. Arnaud, B. Higgins, T. I. F. Moffatt, N. T. Johnson, and R. P. Baker.

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The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College are appointed to commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Battalions: C. J. Capes, W. L. Lovell, I. R. Lovell, H. N. Edwards, R. D. W. Loveless and J. C. Bell. *

Second Lieut. H. G. Davies, attached to 71st Prov. Battalion, is restored to the establishment of the Territorial Battalions.

* * * Lance-Corporal G. S. L. Haywood, 3rd Hussars, has been promoted to a commission as Second Lieutenant, on probation, in the Regular Battalions.

Second Lieut. J. F. Bellman, Special Reserve, has been appointed Acting Captain whilst Commanding a Company.

The undermentioned Temporary Second Lieutenants (attached) are transferred to Service Battalions:—F. Proctor, J. C. Orchardson, W. D. de P. Hall, C. E. Phipps, N. W. Akhurst, J. Lindsay, R. G. Cookson and

Captain S. H. Alston, Territorial Battalion, is promoted Temp. Major, and 2nd Lleut. (Temp. Lieut.) P. A. Gedge, Territorial Battalion, is promoted Temp. Captain.

Major H. C. W. Beeching has been appointed to a Garrison Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.

Temp. 2nd Lieutenant H. E. Peirce has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

Temp. 2nd Lieutenant H. J. Wenyon is promoted Temp. Captain whilst Commanding a Company.

Second Lieut. G. G. F. Richmond is confirmed in his rank.

The undermentioned Cadet is appointed Second Lieutenant on probation in the Special Reserve of Officers: P. A. Beckett.

The undermentioned Cadet is appointed Second Lieutenant on probation in the Territorial Battalions: W. K. Duckett.

The following candidate, nominated for a commission in the Regular Army, under para. 3 of Army Order 295 of 1916, is appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Battalions: H. Wilkin, from Bedfordshire Territorial Battalions.

The undermentioned Cadet is appointed Second Lieutenant on probation in the Territorial Battalions; H. L. Foster.

Captain G. E. de St. C. Stevenson has vacated the appointment of Instructor at the Royal Military College, and is undergoing a course of instruction in Staff duties at Clare College, Cambridge.

Lieut.-Colonel E. V. O. Hewett had the honour of being received by the King on November 5th, when His Majesty invested him with the Insignia of Companion of St. Michael and St. George, and also with Distinguished Service Order.

The undermentioned Officers to be Acting Captains whilst Commanding a Company: Lieut. E. S. Kerr, from July 23rd to August 7th inclusive; 2nd Lieut. C. W. B. Jarvis, S.R. (since killed in action), from July 23rd to 30th inclusive; Temp. 2nd Lieut. A. Martin (since killed in action) from July 31st to August 6th inclusive; 2nd Lieut. G. W. Press, August 7th.

Second Lieut, G. F Doble had the honour of being received by the King on October 28th, when His Majesty decorated him with the Military

The undermentioned have been appointed Temp. Captains in the 6th Battalion of the Kent Volunteer Regitment: J. W. Nash, late Captain 4th Volunteer Battalion; O. H. G. Browne, late Lieutenant, 4th Volunteer Battalion.

The undermentioned Temp, Second Lieutenants from Reserve Battalions are transferred in the same rank to Regular Battalions (attached):
N. A. Johns, F. N. Holt, A. H. Gregson, H. N. H. Bothamley, F. W. Ketcher, E. W. Hardrill, L. C. Troughton, C. J. Dickinson, V. L. Johnson, J. E. S. Long, B. H. B. Lethbridge, T. C. Thomson, S. F. Willis, H. Cooper, H. Cosham, G. Saveall, P. E. Buckingham, L. L. Murray, P. J. Thurlow, A. E. Fenton, H. V. Davis, J. S. Longuehaye, H. C. Pierce, C. G. Hopson, M. S. Judd, L. R. H. Lewis, W. L. Kirkham, G. G. Bradley, C. Adams, D. J. V. Knolt, R. B. Dunt, L. W. Browning, A. Croneen, H. J. Newns, C. M. Francis, W. S. Hunter, T. W. C. Cocker, F. G. Goulden, G. R. Taylor, R. G. H. Davis, A. H. W. Allman, C. W. Morgan, S. J. Coales, A. J. Donaldson, G. B. Wardle, A. S. Ongley, L. D. B. Drummond, J. Lindsay, C. E. Phipps, F. Proctor, J. C. Orchardson, N. W. Akhurst, R. G. Cookson, G. A. Ward, R. Kerr, C. H. Dann, H. G. Driffield, E. J. W. Ely, W. H. Griffiths, R. Maltby, A. J. Cathcart, W. D. de P. Hall, A. S. Richmond, C. T. Mansell, V. J. Gadban, L. C. Jarrett, W. N. Hall, H. G. Dix, A. E. Hearne, W. H. Proctor, B. Wade, A. K. Harding, T. A. M. S. Lewis, F. Squire, E. W. Broadbridge, A. J. Chandler, G. Radelyffe, W. H. Glover, J. N. Mothersill, B. W. Ashworth, B. T. Comins, F. E. E. Morris. talions are transferred in the same rank to Regular Battalions (attached): Morris.

Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, T.D., from the Territorial Battalions, is transferred in the same rank to the Territorial Force Reserve.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants in the Territorial Battalions are promoted Lieutenants.—2nd Lieut. (Temp. Lieutenant) L. G. Brooks. 2nd Lieut. (Temp. Lieutenant) J. M. Pritchard, 2nd Lieut. (temp. Captain) A. Thorp, 2nd Lieut. (Temp. Lieutenant) F. L. Engledow-

The following Officers from Reserve Battalions are transferred in the same rank to the Training Reserve:—Temp. Major T. T. Burt (Captain Retired Pay), (Hon. Lieut,-Colonel retired, S.R.), Temp. Captains E. F. S. Spalding and L. Ludlow, Temp. Lieut C. E. Hart, Temp. 2nd Lieuts. N. W. Slattery, H. D. Ablewhite; R. L. R. Gale, H. N. H. Woodcock, and E. Hammond.

Ist CADET BATTALION.

The undermentioned, formerly Cadets in the above Battalion, have received commissions:—Sergeant A. B. Finch, February, 1915, now Lieutenant; Corporal A. Bass, September, 1916, now 2nd Lieutenant. Both these Officers joined the Cadet Battalion after the declaration of war.

NOTES FROM INDIA.

Our official summer season has now ended, and everyone is now looking forward to the winter training and the cooler weather. But the tail-end of the monsoon is still with us, and although under normal circumstances we should have seen the last of the rains about a fortnight back, we are still getting heavy falls at frequent intervals.

Our hill parties are due back at Headquarters in a few days' time,

and immediately after their arrival company training will once again occupy our attention. The programme commences with a period of training in the immediate vicinity of Barracks, followed by a fortnight in camp by half battalions at a time. Finally the whole Battalion will go under canvas for three weeks' training, terminating on December It is probable that the camp will be pitched on the same site as last year.

The departure of Captain Watney from the Battalion has resulted in one or two changes in the Company Commanders. Captain Bourne has been transferred to and has taken over command of "C," while Captain Robinson succeeds to the control of "D," and Captain Stone of "B."

I regret to report the deaths of two men of the Battalion during the past month, namely, Pte Whiffen, of 'D' Company, and Pte. Bromley, of "A." Both these men were recruits who had recently joined the

Battalion from England.

Little worthy of record has happened since my last contribution in the way of sport, and all are looking forward to the time when, with the Battalion again at full strength at Headquarters, Inter-Company

Competitions will once more be in full swing
On Saturday, September 23rd, a team representing the Sergeants'
Mess met the Sergeants of the Hampshire Regiment on the Garrison Football Ground, and an even game resulted in a draw of two goals

Our Rugby team, to which I referred last month, did better in the Calcutta Tournament than their most ardent supporters anticipated. They eventually were defeated by the Calcutta Rugby Football Club by two tries to nil in the round immediately preceding the semi-finals. The game was a very closely contested one, and some very flattering accounts of the play of our team appeared in the Calcutta papers, all agreeing that the West Kents were extremely unlucky to lose. The tournament was ultimately won by the 5th Somersets.

NOTES FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

With the increased restrictions imposed by the Censor it is difficult to know what one may write about, although there are many little items of news which might be of interest.

Our congratulations are offered to No. 8509 Pte. W. Back and No. 8595 Pte. H. Portwain on their having been awarded the medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field. The record of their gallant deeds will

At last the weather has changed for the better and life is becoming brighter. Fortnightly concerts are run by the Brigade, at which a number of our Regimental stars appear regularly, and some really

funny sketches have been produced.

There are some big fish to be obtained in this locality, and any there are some big list to be obtained in this locality, and any disciples of Isaac Walton among your readers may be interested in the dimensions of one which was speared by a native the other day. It weighed 2151bs., was 4 feet 4 inches long, and had a girth of 3 feet 10 inches. It is a salmon which takes its name from the river—a big fish and a big river. Of course, only those who know where this Bat-

fish and a big river. Of course, only those who know where this Battalion is will be able to guess the name.

The following N.C.O.'s and men were released from Kut on account of ill-health some time ago, and are, we believe, doing well in India.—No. 8321 Pte. D. Bradford, No. 4894 Pte. M. Fisher, No. 9035 Lance-Corpl. P. Fox. No. 9134 Lance-Corpl. H. Gibbs, No. 9526 Pte. J. Goddard, No. 8255 Pte. W. Gorman, No. 8899 Pte. A. Lane, No. 8676 Pte. F. Mepham, No. 8532 Pte. A. Mynheer, No. 8535 Pte. W. Nelson, No. 9406 Pte. C. Parrott, No. 8565 Pte. H. Page, No. 8413 Pte. A. Playford, No. 10964 Pte. B. Simmons, No. 1019 Pte. A. Heather, No. 1803 Pte. H. Pennell.

We regret to record the names of the following who have died while Prisoners of War:—No. 7326 Pte. G. Andrews, No. 9557 Pte. A. Beckett, No. 9362 Pte. W. Brown, No. 7886 Pte. W. Cann, No. 9015 Pte. W. Colmar, No. 9016 Pte. W. Lake, No. 9222 Pte. G. Towner, No. G6713 Pte. J. Cokeley, No. 2458 Pte. W. Tall, No. 2288 Pte. G. Potts.

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It is with deep regret that we record the following casualties in the Regiment during the month of November :-

OFFICERS.

KILLED IN ACTION.

2nd Lieut. F. G. Yeo. 2nd Lieut. E. Fricker.

MAW WOUNDED.

Captain C. G. Tindall. 2nd Lieut. V. J. Gadban. 2nd Lieut. C. W Morgan.

2nd Lieut. F. W. Wills (second time). 2nd Lieut. H. W. Waghorn.

2nd Lieut. W. U. C. Tayler.

2nd Lieut. A. Godly.

2nd Lieut. T. R. Gilby (attached Royal Flying Corps).

2nd Lieut. E. M. Pocock.

MISSING.

2nd Lieut. J. O. Knight.

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2nd Lieut. J. O. Heath.

FORMER OFFICERS.

2nd Lieut. J. L. Manwaring, M.C., Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Lieut.-Colonel P. S. Hall, West Yorks (attached Cheshires), (wounded).

ATTACHED OFFICER.

Captain C. F. S. Stopford, Army Chaplains Dept. (wounded).

WARRANT OFFICERS. WOUNDED.

5872 Co. Sergt.-Major W. Hannan. 6530 Co. Sergt.-Major W. T. Skeer. 2166 Co Sergt-Major W. Gilliam.

8005 Co. Sergt.-Major A. H. Watkins.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BELIEVED TAKEN PRISONER AT KUT-EL-AMARA NOW PRISONER.

6529 Co. Sergt.-Major M. C. Crisford.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. KILLED IN ACTION.

| 484 | Sergt. | A. Starkey | 9758 | LcCorpl. T. Cosham |
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| 18242 | Sergt. | A. Acres | | LcCorpl. J. Lawrence |
| | | S. Baynes | | LcCorpl. W. O. Smyth |
| 8262 | Sergt. | J. Beale | | LcCorpl. C. Chappell |
| 9942 | Sergt. | R. Parker | | LcCorpl. F. H., Hunt |
| | | F. Smith | | Lc. Corpl. S. Myers |
| 8132 | Sergt. | W. J. Mansfield | | LcCorpl. G. A. Smith |
| 2216 | Sergt. | L. Newman | | LcCorpl. F. Wilson |
| 2170 | Sergt. | H. Wormald | 8625 | Le-Corpl. J. Medhurst |

N.C.O.'S-Killed in Action-(continued).

| 6747 | LcSergt, E. J. Walk | 18317 | LcCorpl. H. Sewell |
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| | Acting LcSergt, J. Holland | | LcCorpl. E. Astley |
| 9672 | Corpl. A. Baldwin | | LeCorpl. F. Buxton |
| 751 | Corpl. G. Bentley | | LcCorpl. M. Cook |
| 196 | Corpl. E. Payne | | LcCorpl. H. Fissenden |
| 8196 | Corpl. E. Bennett | | LcCorpl. A. Fowler |
| 8379 | Corpl. C. Burt | | LeCorpl. E. J. Morris |
| 9127 | Corpl. W. Pashley | 1129 | LcCorpl. C. Triplow |
| 1194 | Corpl. E. Blackman | 9832 | Corpl. C. G. Webb |
| | Corpl. S J. Martin | 18082 | LcCorpl. S. Woods |

1147 Corpl. A. Meggs

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LcCorpl. T. Jackson | | | |
| 10684 | Sergt. G. Jones | 13077 | LCCorpi. 1. Jackson | | | |
| 8468 | Sergt. D. Middleton | 8848 | Lc.Corpl. E. Newman | | | |
| 8010 | Sergt. H. Butcher | 4842 | LcCorpl. H. C. Howes | | | |
| 8274 | Sergt. J. McCorquodale | 9871 | LcCorpl. P. J. Douglas | | | |
| 2196 | Sergt. J. Clarke | 16355 | LeCorpl. F. Medlicott | | | |
| 198 | Sergt. W. Foster | 9258
5777 | LcCorpl. A. Simmons
LcCorpl. F. J. Smith | | | |
| 563 | Sergt. C. E. Jeffery | 9550 | LcCorpl. W. C. Snell | | | |
| 5418 | Sergt, J. Smith
Sergt, H. W. Moon | 9760 | LcCorpl. E. Tatnall | | | |
| 3039 | Sergt, F. Morley | 8371 | LcCorpl. W. Hatfull | | | |
| 2392 | Sergt, E. Skinner | 3969 | LcCorpl. J. Ainslie | | | |
| 11993 | | 7895 | LcCorpl. W. Blunt | | | |
| 2351 | Sergt. A. Stoner
Sergt. R. Thompson | 6816 | LcCorpl. W. Cowlard | | | |
| 2161 | Sergt. R. Baldwin | 1302 | LcCorpl. W. Cripps | | | |
| 8407 | Sergt. A. Buddell | 1525 | LcCorpl. T. Fenner | | | |
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| 8017 | Sergt. V. Griffiths | 1659 | LcCorpl. G. Herbert | | | |
| 8569 | Sergt, G. Levitt | 2127 | LcCorpl. A. Kealey | | | |
| 18235 | Sergt, J. Parker | 1453 | LcCorpl. A. Martin | | | |
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| 6329 | Sergt, J. Woodhall | 1791 | LcCorpl. W. Pond | | | |
| 4885 | Serot J Grayson | 2262 | Lc. Corpl. W. Williams | | | |
| 1204 | Serot J. Mullen | 11022 | LcCorpl. T. Bromfield | | | |
| 1177 | Sergt, F. Austin | 8282 | LcCorpl. J. Cornish | | | |
| 651 | Sergt, W. Brown | 11135 | LcCorpl. H. Farnell | | | |
| 9798 | Sergt. J. Pennell | 10650 | LcCorpl. G. Glynn | | | |
| 2958 | Sergt. W. Seagrove | 9615 | LcCorpl. H. Hall | | | |
| 10603 | Acting Sergt. W. Warnett | 2080 | LcCorpl. A. Hosegood | | | |
| 5350 | Acting Sergt, J. Murray | 8848 | LcCorpl. F. McMillan | | | |
| 10256 | LcSergt. L. Tasker | 11282 | LcCorpl. J. Nightingale | | | |
| 9371 | LcSergf. L. T. Fox | 8308 | LcCorpl. W. Nurse | | | |
| 1927 | LcSergt. W. Chapman | 8372 | LeCorpl. P. O'Rourke | | | |
| 7509 | Corpl. A. Bagwell | 9771 | LcCorpl. R. Paice | | | |
| 8269 | Corpl. E. Gibbins | 8064
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LcCorpl. W. Seymour | | | |
| 8540 | Corpl. J. Tiffin | 8775 | Le-Corpl. F. White | | | |
| 6746 | Corpl. A. G. Cobb | 10016 | LcCorpt. E. Willett | | | |
| 8590 | Corpl. F. Playfoot | 9202 | LcCorpl. T. Masters | | | |
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LcCorpl. W. Garrett | | | |
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11286 G. Wilcox | 1126 T. Smith
11183 A. J. Holland |
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| 6848 LcCorpl. C. Cook | 3619 E. Booker | 12349 W. Sutton |
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9621 H. Francis 12391 E. Rumley | 11527 R. J. Perkins
11627 T. H. Salmon | 10190 F. P. Fabian |
| 9621 H. Francis 12391 E. Rumley | 1023 G. Tanton | 3912 E. Hall |
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| 8362 W. Wallace | 10328 J. Andrews
11468 C. Blakey | 1751 H. Jones |
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THE FOLLOWING COMFORTS

Have been sent to the Regiment as specified, viz :-

Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladders and pump. Nov. 10th—1 Case writing paper and envelopes.

Nov. 10th—2 Cases candles. Nov. 25th—1 Bale, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mitts, 1 jersey, 3 bread bags.

Oct. 30th-1 Case safety matches.

Oct. 30th—1 Case curry powder.

Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladders and pump.

Nov. 10th—1 Case notepaper and envelopes.

Nov. 25th-1 Bale, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mitts, 1 jersey, 4 dozen pairs

socks, 3 woollen chest protectors. Nov. 29th—1 Parcel, 12 sanitary pioneer armlets,

Oct. 30th—1 Case curry powder. Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladders and pump. Nov. 10th—1 Case notepaper and envelopes.

Nov. 25th-1 Bale, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mitts, 1 jersey, 4 dozen pairs

Oct. 30th-1 Case curry powder.

Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladder and pump. Nov. 10th—1 Case notepaper and envelopes. Nov. 25th—1 Bale, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mitts, 1 jersey, 66 handker-chiefs.

Oct. 27th-1 Case curry powder.

Oct. 27th—1 Case cigarettes (10,000), 1 case tobacco (20lbs.).

Nov. 1st—1 Bale, gloves (100 pairs), mitts (200 pairs).

Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladders and pump.

Nov. 10th—1 Case notepaper and envelopes.

Nov. 25th—1 Bale, 60 mufflers, 20 vests, 1 jersey, 5 dozen pairs socks.

Nov. 1st—1 Bale, gloves (100 pairs), mitts (200 pairs).

Nov. 2nd—1 Parcel, cap badges (150).

Nov. 8th—1 Parcel, 4 footballs, extra bladders and pump.

Nov. 17th—1 Case curry powder.

Nov. 25th—1 Bale, 60 mufflers, 5 dozen pairs socks, 1 jersey.

Oct. 27th-1 Case safety matches.

Oct. 27th-1 Case, cigarettes (5,000), tobacco (20lbs.).

Nov. 25th—1 Bale, 50 mufflers, 60 pairs mitts, 53 Balaclava caps.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Major C. R. Ingram has been again mentioned in despatches by Lieut.-General Sir P. Lake; K.C.B., for services rendered in connection with the administrative work of the Mesopotamian Forces.

Captain C. W. H. Taylor has been mentioned in despatches by Lieut.-General G. F. Milne, C.B., D.S.O.,

Commanding British Salonica Force

REWARDS FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD.

The King has been pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the Regiment in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

Temp. Lieutenant H. W. E. Bainton.-He brought up rations on pack ponies during an intense bombardment, thus saving the men in the trenches. Later he organised water carrying parties, and helped to carry away the wounded.

Temp. Lieutenant G. D. Henderson.-He took out a party and re-organised the men of his Battalion under intense fire and consolidated the ground taken.

Temp. Second Lieutenant L. A. H. Gingell.-He led a patrol under heavy fire, and obtained most valuable information. On another occasion he assumed command of and led his Company with great courage and determina-

G/10171 Company Sergeant-Major C. F. Judge. - He rallied the men near him and led them with great courage and determination. Later, with a sergeant and a private, he captured 30 prisoners.

L/5614 Co. Sergeant-Major J. D. Hayley.—He assumed command and organised his Company and was instrumental in capturing many prisoners. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.

Also the Distinguished Conduct Medal on the undermentioned N.C.O. of the Regiment for the following act of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

1269 Corporal A. Cook.—For conspicuous gallantry in He fought his trench mortar with great courage and determination. Later he brought up ammunition under intense fire.

We hear unofficially that the Distinguished Service Medal of Serbia has been conferred on the undermentioned man of the Regiment:

Drummer E. F. Hooker, mann manners and in

The King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the Field to the following N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment:-

G/11584 Sergeant A. J. Aldridge. G/8010 Sergeant H. H. Butcher.

G/8159 Sergeant A. C. J. Payne.
G/10838 Sergeant G. T. Springbett.

G/9300 Sergeant A. Wheeler.

6042 Acting Sergeant N. E. Loft.

G/4984 Acting Sergeant J. Scott. And the behaviored

G/8072 Lance-Sergeant F. W. H. Cooper.

G/8238 Corporal A. S. Brown.

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G/9533 Lance-Corporal C. W. H. Grover.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This month we give a portrait of our Colonel, Major-General Sir Edmung Leach, K.C.B., who we rejoice to state is still hale and hearty, although he attained his 80th birthday on November 28th last. It may be mentioned, as showing the esteem and affection in wnich he is held, that on that day he received wires of congratulations from all the Battalions of the Regiment and the Depot, and also from many of those who tormerly served under him.

We append a short record of his services. Major-General Sir E. Leach was born on November 28th, 1836, and joined the 50th The Queen's Own Regiment on November 3rd, 1854, as Ensign; Lieutenant, February 9th, 1855; Adjutant, September 2nd, 1861; Captain, April 12th, 1864; Brevet Major, August 21st, 1866; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, February 2nd, 1876; Major, August 31st, 1880; Lieut.-Colonel Commanding 1st Battalion, November 17th, 1883; Brevet Colonel, February 5th, 1884; Major-General, August 8th, 1894. He retired in 1898. He served in the Crimea, subsequent to the fall of Sevastopol, from September 19th, 1855, until the evacuation on July 12th, 1856. Also in the New Zealand War from 1863-66. Was Orderly Officer to Colonel Waddy, C.B., who commanded a Field Force in the Waikato, and was present at the action at Waiari; appointed A.D.C. to Brigadier-General Waddy, C.B., January 7th, 1865, and was present at the attack and repulse of the enemy at Nukumaru (mentioned in despatches), appointed D.A.A.G. January 26th, 1865, and was present at the action at Kakaramea (mentioned in despatches). also served throughout the Wanganui Campaign under Sir Duncan Cameron, K.C.B. Later he was with Major-General Chute as D.A.A.G. through the campaign on the West Coast in 1865-66, and was present at the assault and capture of Okatuku, Putahi, Otapawa, Ketenari, and Waikano Pass (mentioned in despatches, Brevet Major and Medal). He served throughout the Egyptian War of 1882 (Medal, Bronze Star and 4th Class Osmanieh), also in the Nile Expedition 1884-5, in command of the 1st Battalion (mentioned in despatches, Clasp Sudan and C.B.). served as A.A.G. Eastern District from 1886-91, and Commanded at Barbados in 1894-5. Was appointed Colonel of the Regiment April 8th, 1904, and received the K.C.B. in 1907.

Next month we hope to give a portrait of Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Owen, D.S.O.

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Subscriptions paid to account Queen's Own Gazette, November, 1916:-Mrs. Daubeney, to July, 1917. Rev. the Hon. T. W. Fiennes, to Miss K. Belgrave, to Oct., 1917.
2nd Lieut. Audsley, to Oct., 1917.
Co. Q.M.S. Mobberley, to Dec., 1917.
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Miss Leckie, to Dec., 1917. Dec., 1917. Capt. Tugwell, to Dec., 1917. Wingfield-Stratford, to Dec., 1917 Q.M.S. Cook, to Dec., 1917 Brigadier-Gen. Um to Dec., 1918. Umfreville, C.M.G.,

Lieut, and Q.M. Rogers, to Dec., 1917 Mr. Masterman, to Oct., 1917. Lieut. C. V. Madgett, to Jan., 1917. Mrs. Markham, to Dec., 1917.

SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNDISPOSED OF.

There is available for distribution among the next-of-kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased soldiers, who formerly belonged to the Royal West Kent Regiment. Applications should be addressed by letter to:—

THE SECRETARY, War Office,

Park Buildings, St. James' Park, London, S.W., And marked outside "Effects"

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MONTHLY CALENDAR of REGIMENTAL HISTORY JANUARY.

4th 1900—3rd Battalion sailed for Malta for garrison duty during South African War. The first Militia Battalion to leave England since the Crimean War.

7th 1756 - Formation of the 52nd which was re-numbered the 50th at end of the same year.

-1st Battalion present at capture of Tanga Pass (Buner 7th 1898-Expedition).

8th 1819-50th sailed from Cork for Jamaica.

1809-Corunna: 50th brigaded with 4th and 42nd, under Lord. 16th William Bentinck, and formed part of Sir David Baird's Division. Casualties, 5 officers, 180 other ranks.

17th 1885—Abu Klea, 1st and 2nd Battalions each represented by a contingent of 1 officer and 25 men serving with M.I. Camel Corps.

1831—50th granted title of "The Queen's Own," in honour of Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV. Facings changed 22nd from black to royal blue.

25th—1865—Capture of Wereroa, New Zealand. Casualties of 50th, 2 officers and 29 men.

28th 1846-Aliwal, 50th Brigaded with 48th N.I. and Sirmoor Gurkhas Casualties, 10 officers and 67 men.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information regarding 5226 Private A. Wood, who was reported missing on July 30th, will be thankfully received by Mrs. Wood, 3, Alma Road, West Malling, Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hoadley, 1, Aerial Villas, Vilton Road, Swanscombe, Kent, will be glad of any information that may shed light on the whereabouts of their son, Private Joe Hoadley, from whom they have not heard since July 9th although he has not been reported killed or missing. He was last seen on July 13th in Trones Wood.

Any information regarding 5155 Pte. Ernest Sawkins, who was reported missing on October 7th, will be gratefully received by his wife, Mrs. E. Sawkins, 3, Cottage Place, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone.

Any information regarding 69 Pte. C. W. Brown, who was reported missing on October 7th, will be gratefully received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, 24, Prospect Place, Maidstone..

Any information regarding 2182 Sergt. R. C. Walsh, who was reported wounded and missing on July 13th, will be thankfully received by Miss E. Fox, 73, Earl's Court Road, London, S.W.

Any information regarding 12223 Lance-Corpl. R. W. Daly, who was reported wounded and missing on October 7th, will be gratefully received by Miss M. Horrigan, 22, High Street, Northfleet.

Any information regarding 983 Lance-Corporal F. Hinks, who was reported missing on October 7th, will be gratefully received by his mother, Mrs. Hinks, 18, Samaritan Grove, Northfleet.

Any information regarding 26 Acting Corporal W. G. Millen, who was last seen before the action at Goudecourt on October 7th, will be thankfully received by his mother,

Mrs. Millen, 3, Kennett's Cottages, King Street, Maidstone. Any information regarding 424 Co. Sergt.-Major J. T. Markham ("Tommy") who was reported killed on October 7th, will be thankfully received by his widow, Mrs. Markham, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.

Any information regarding 15979 Private H. E. Willsher, who was reported killed in action on October 1st, will be gratefully received by his mother, Mrs. H. Willsher, Chestnut Villa, Brook End, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex.

Any information regarding Lieut. C. S. Stevenson, reported missing November 18th, will be gratefully received by Captain G. de St. C. Stevenson, Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The following Notices appeared in the "Kent Messenger" of November 25th :-

SHILLING

TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE MEN OF THE ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

THESE Gifts will consist of :—PLUM PUDDINGS (41b. per man), HAMS (41b. per man), SWEETS (1 cwt. per Battalion), CHOCOLATES, CIGARETTES (15,000 per Battalion).

All donations should be sent to Mr. RANDALL MERCER, Kentish Bank, Maidstone, and marked "Christmas Gift" outside the envelope.

the envelope. Authorised by the R.W.K. Regiment Comforts Fund.

All donations will be acknowledged weekly in the "Kent

CHRISTMAS SHILLING FUND FOR THE GALLANT WEST KENTS.

It will be seen from an advertisement on Page 6 of our today's issue that a Christmas Shilling Fund for the West Kents is day's issue that a Christmas Shilling Fund for the West Relis is again being started. Last year the "Kent Messenger" Fund realised nearly £140. This year Mr. Randall Mercer, of the Kentish Bank, is organising the fund, which is to provide Christmas gifts for the men of the Royal West Kent Regiment. These gifts will consist of : Plum Puddings (11b. per man), Hams (11b. per man), Sweets (1cwt. per Battalion), Chocolates, and Cigarettes (15.000 per Battalion). All donations should be sent to Mr Randall Mercer, Kentish Bank, Maidstone, and marked "Christmas Gift" outside the envelope. Donations will be acknowledged weekly in the "Kent Messenger."

WINTER AND THE ROYAL WEST KENTS.

The Royal West Kents are greatly in need of comforters—knitted wool scarves—and woollen socks. This fine old County Regiment is now in France, Egypt and Mesopotamia. Especially in France, are the knitted wool scarves and woollen socks needed. And if needed we must send them straight away. Captain Forestier-Walker, of the Barracks, Maidstone, will be glad to receive any such comforts and to forward them to our men who are fighting for us.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter has been sent to us from the British Infantry Depot at Chaklala, Rawal Pindi:

From 8883 Pte. G. Kennard, Royal West Kent Regiment,

British Prisoner of War, Angora, Turkey,

August 18th, 1916. Dear Sir.—I am writing to ask you to help four men of the Regiment. We would like you to send us some boots and clothing, for it is very cold here now, and we have hardly got a pair of boots to our feet. The four are: 9377 Pte. G. Palmer, 8334 Pte. Morris, 8478 Pte. P. Barnett, and myself. All the six Officers are quite well.

I remain, yours truly,

G. KENNARD.

We have forwarded this letter to Mr. Spoor.

The following letter has been sent to us for publication: Dear Mr. Spoor,—The Commanding Officer has asked me to send you the enclosed cheque for £5 from this Battalion for your Kent Prisoners of War Fund.

He also asks me to say how much the Battalion appreciates what you have done for our men who have had the misfortune to be captured.—Yours sincerely, Captain,

' Adjutant 1st Royal West Kent Regiment.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer in charge of Regimental Compassionate Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations :-

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THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE.

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

The ninth chapter of the above, entitled "Neuve Chapelle and Hill 60," appears in the Strand Magazine for this

We extract the following account of the storming of Hill

60 on April 17th, 1915:-

BATTLE OF HILL 60.

On April 17th there began a contest which was destined to rage with great fury, though at intermittent intervals, for several weeks. was the fight for Hill 60. Hill 60 was a low ridge about fifty feet high and two hundred and fifty yards from end to end, which faced the Allied trenches in the Zillebeck region to the south-east of Ypres. This portion of the line had been recently taken over her Smith Domiceles. Affined trenches in the Zinebeek region to the softwards of Tples. This portion of the line had been recently taken over by Smith-Dorrien's Army from the French, and one of the first tasks which the British had set themselves was to regain the hill, which was of considerable strategic importance, because by their possession of it the Germans were able to establish an observation post and direct the fire of their guns behind towards any portion of the British line which seemed to be vulnerable. With the hill in British hands it would be possible to move troops from point to point without their being overseen and subjected to fire. Therefore the British had directed their mines towards the hill, and ran six mines underneath it, each of them ending in a the hill, and ran six mines underneath it, each of them ending in a chamber which contained a ton of gunpowder. The work was done by Major Norton Griffiths and the 171st Mining Company Royal Engineers. At seven in the evening of Saturday, April 17th, the whole was exploded with terrific effect. Before the smoke had cleared away the British infantry had dashed from their trench and the hill was occupied. A handful of dazed Germans were taken prisoners and one hundled. dred and fifty were buried under the débris.

STORMING OF THE HILL.

The storming party was drawn from two regiments of the veteran Thirteenth Brigade, and the Brigadier Wanless O'Gowan was in general control of the operations under General Morland, of the Fifth Division. The two regiments immediately concerned were the 1st Royal West The two regiments immediately concerned were the 1st Royal West Kents and the 2nd Scottish Borderers. Major Joslin, of the Kents, led the assault, and "C" Company of that regiment, under Captain Moul-ton Barrett, was actually the first to reach the crest while it was still rocking and heaving from the immense explosion. Sappers of the 2nd Home Counties Company raced up with the infantry, bearing sand bags and entrenching tools to make good the ground, while a ponderous backing of artillery searched on every side to break up the inevitable counter-attack. There was desperate digging upon the hill to raise some cover, and especially to cut back communication trenches to the rear. Without an overcrowding which would have been dangerous under artillery fire, there was only room for one company upon the very crest. The rest were in supporting trenches immediately behind. By half-past one in the morning of the 18th the troops were dug in, but the Germans, after a lull which followed the shock, were already thickening for the attack. Their trenches came up to the base of the hill, and many of their snipers and bomb-throwers hid themselves amid the darkness in the numerous deep holes with which the whole hill was pocked. Showers of bombs fell upon the British line, which held on as best it

At 3.30 a.m. the Scots Borderers pushed forward to take over the advanced fire trench from the Kents, who had suffered severely. This exchange was an expensive one, as several officers, including Major Joslin, the leader of the assault, Colonel Sladen, and Captains Dering and Burnett, were killed or wounded, and in the confusion the Germans were able to get more of their bombers thrown forward, making the front trench hardly tenable. The British losses up to this time had almost entirely arisen from these bombs, and two attempts at regular counterattacks had been nipped in the bud by the artillery fire, aided by motor machine-guns. As the sky was beginning to whiten in the east, however, there was a more formidable advance, supported by heavy and incessant bombing, so that at half-past five the 2nd West Ridings were sent forward, supported by the 1st Bedfords from the Fifteenth Brigade. A desperate fight ensued. With bomb and bayonet men stood up to each other at close quarters, neither side flinching from the slaughter. By seven o'clock the Germans had got a grip of part of the hill crest while the weary Yorkshiremen, supported by their fellow-countrymen of the 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry, were hanging on to the broken ground and the edge of the mine craters. From then onwards the day was spent by the Germans in strengthening their hold, and by the British in preparing for a renewed assault. This second assault, more formidable than the first, since it was undertaken against an expectant enemy, was fixed for six o'clock in the evening.

At the signal five companies of infantry, three from the West Rid-

ings and two from the Yorkshire Light Infantry, rushed to the front. ings and two from the Yorkshire Light Infantry, rushed to the front. The losses of the storming party were heavy, but nothing could stop them. Of "C" Company of the West Ridings only Captain Barton and eleven men were left out of a hundred, but none the less they carried the point at which their charge was aimed. "D" Company lost all its officers, but the men carried on. After a fierce struggle the Germans were ejected once again, and the whole crest held by the British. The losses had been very heavy, the various craters formed by the mines and the heavy shells being desperately fought for by either party. It was about seven o'clock on the evening of the 18th that the Yorkshiremen of both regiments drew together in the dusk and made an organised charge across the whole length of the hill, sweeping it clear from end to end, while the 59th Company Royal Engineers helped in making good the ground. It was a desperate tussle, in which men charged each other like bulls, drove their bayonets through each other, and hurled bombs at a range of a few yards into each other's faces. Seldom in the war has there been more furious fighting, and in the whole Army it would have been difficult to find better men for such work than the units engaged

This description may well be ended by the general order in which Sir John French acknowledged the services of the troops engaged in

this arduous affair:-

"I congratulate you and the troops of the Second Army on your brilliant capture and retention of the important position at Hill 60. Great credit is due to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Ferguson, commanding Second Corps; Major-General Morland, commanding Fifth Division; Brigadier-General Wanless O'Gowan, commanding Fifth Division; Brigadier-General Wanless O'Gowan, commanding Fifthenth Brigade; and Brigadier-General Northey, commanding Fifteenth Brigade, for their energy and skill in carrying out the operations. I wish particularly to express my warmest admiration for the splendid dash and spirit displayed by the battalions of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Brigades which took part under their respective commanding officers. This has been shown in the first seizure of the position, by the fire attack of the Royal West Kents and the King's Owa Scottish Borderers, and in the heroic tenacity with which the hill has been held by the other battalions of these brigades against the most violent counter-attacks and terrific artillery bombardment. I also must commend the skilful work of the Mining Company R.E., of the 59th Field Company R.E., and 2nd Home Counties Field Company R.E., and of the Artillery. I fully recognise the skill and foresight of Major-General Bulfin, commanding Twenty-eight Division, and his G.R.E., Colonel Jerome, who are responsible for the original conception and plan of the undertaking."

Football, hockey, concert and sports are mixed freely with outpost duty and moveable columns, so we are still merry and bright although far from home.

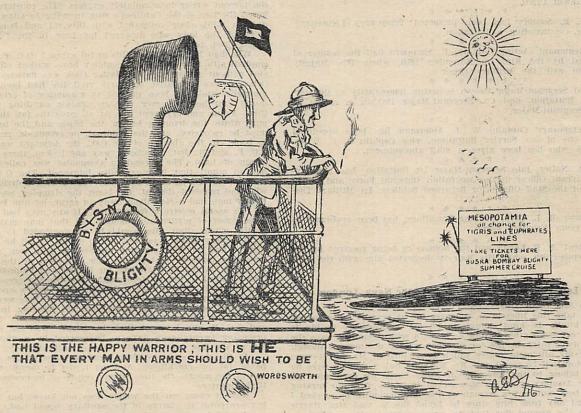
A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all your readers is the greeting from the Battalion in this country.

NOTES FROM INDIA.

Once again we are a united Battalion. Our several hill parties have all returned to Headquarters, and serious winter training is now the order of the day—and for that matter, oftentimes of the night. As can perhaps be readily understood this is made practicable by the welcome return of cooler and more settled weather, which makes it possible to devote a greatly increased number of hours during the days to parades and work generally.

At the time of writing we are principally concerned with company training. "C" and "D" Companies have already completed the first portion of this necessary and instructive period, and "A" and "B" are now following in their footsteps: The preliminary stage consists of the more elementary work that can be carried out in the vicinity of barracks. Afterwards each half battalion will in turn continue their training, with a certain number of days to be spent under canvas, and finally the four companies will assemble at the same camp to undergo a short period of battalion training, which, as at present arranged, will terminate on December 24th. In addition to the work that is usually associated with company training, special attention is being given to mountain warfare, possibly in view of future eventualities,, and the programme arranged by the various Company Commanders include lectures and practical instruction in this peculiarly Indian style of fighting.

The Battalion Camp will be pitched on the same ground as last year, near a village some eighteen miles from Barracks, while brigade training will probably take place early in the New Year.



NOTES FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

I am enclosing a sketch for which you may find space in the Queen's Own Gazette, that is if the Censor will allow it. Possibly he may object to the notice on the hoarding, in which case it could be altered to read "Change here for Lokoja and the Cameroons," which would lead the enemy to think we are in West Africa. One can imagine the consternation in Berlin when the news leaked out. Quite a clever idea, Mr. Editor, eh what?

This month there is little to tell in the shape of Battalion news. The weather is now ideal and the state of health extremely good. Reinforcements are on the road, we hear, and when they arrive we shall be up to full strength. The furlough men are also expected to rejoin shortly.

Owing to the departure for England of the G.O.C. the Division, the command has devolved temporarily on our Brigadier, and he has consequently left for Divisional Headquarters. Thus our C.O., as the Senior Officer in the Station, is once again in temporary command of the Brigade.

In the early part of October the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, Sir Benjamin Robertson, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., etc., paid an official visit to the Station for the purpose of opening the new and magnificent Government College buildings that have recently been completed, and which will in future be known as the Robertson College. For the ceremony we were called upon to furnish a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file, and our band also attended, both receiving several highly complimentary notices from the Commissioner, and also at the hands of the Indian Press.

Lieut. Pardington, our late Machine Gun Officer, has left the Battation temporarily, having been attached to a unit stationed on the Frontier Rumours are still rife regarding the removal of the whole Battalion somewhere in the same direction, but so far nothing official has been heard regarding it.

Information has just reached us that still another draft of 300 men are to join us shortly. This will bring the Battalion up to well over 1,300 strong. Our last batch of recruits are making steady progress with their training, and a good number of them are now engaged in firing Table "A'" of the Muskerry Course, with the object of enabling them to join their Companies in time to do Company and Battalion training in camp.

Lieut. Roberts and 2nd Lieut. D. McNicol have been granted six months' sick leave by a Medical Board, and will shortly be leaving for England. The former rather seriously injured his shoulder in a Rugby football match some months back, and this, I regret to say, is still caus-

ing him considerable inconvenience. Recent promotions among the non-commissioned ranks include the following:—Corporal C. Bashford, promoted Sergeant and appointed Provost Sergeant; Corporals H. Wood, W. Crouch, H. Lascelles, G. Walker and H. Smith, promoted Sergeants; Lance-Corporals P. Wright, A. Hancock, J. Norman, C. Ingall, V. Birchett, A. Rootes, R. Smith, R. Adams and B. Colthup, promoted Corporals.

NOTES.

Major J. W. Nelson, D.S.O., is at Angora; Captain M. J. Dinwiddy and Second Lieutenant J. Mills at Yazbad; Captain V. S. Clarke at Castamonin; and Captain O. Y. Hibbert, D.S.O., at Bronssa—all of these Officers having been taken Prisoners of War at Kut-el-Amara.

Major C. W. Case-Morris and Captain A. K. Searight are respectively Adjutant and Quartermaster of the combined British Infantry Depot at Chak Lala, Rawul Pindi.

Major W. F. Soames has been promoted Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding a Battalion,

Second Lieutenant (Acting Captain) E. Sheppard had the honour of being received by the King on November 18th, when His Majesty decorated him with the Military Cross.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Brown is acting temporarily as Quartermaster to a Battalion, and Co. Sergeant-Major Daykin is acting as Regimental Sergeant-Major.

Lieut. (Temporary Captain) W. J. Alderman has been appointed Adjutant of one of our Service Battalions, vice Captain G. E. Wingfield-Stratford, who has been given a Staff appointment.

A. Noller, late Sergeant-Major 1st Battalion, has been appointed a Warrant Officer in the Australian Imperial Force and posted to the Staff of the Staff Officer for Returned Soldiers, 1st Military Dis-

Second Lieut, B. L. Clay, Regular Battalions, has been appointed to the West African Frontier Force,

Second Lieut, F. H. Lewin had the honour of being received by the King on December 9th, when His Majesty decorated him with the Mili-

* * * * * Copy of Letter addressed to the Lord of the Navy, London.

RESPECTED SIR, DEAR SIR.

Though i take this libertie as it leaves me at present i beg to ask if you will kindly be kind enough to let me no were my husbin is though he is not my legible husbin as he as a wife though he says she is ded but I don't think he nos for sure but we are not marryd though I am getting my allotment regler which is no fortt of Mr. Loy George who would stop it if he could and Mr. Mckenna but if you no were he is as he is belong to the Navy Royal Fling Corps for ever since he joined in the January when he was sacked from his work for torking back to his boss wot was a woman at the laundry were he worked i have not herd any from him since he joynd tho he told Mrs. Harris wot lives on the ground flor that he was a pretty ossifer with 6s. a week and lots of underclosing for the cold weather. And I ave 3 children wots is bein the father of them tho he says it was my falt hoping you will rite to me soon and you are quite well as it leaves me at present i must close now hoping you are well.

MRS. JANE JENKINS.

(From "The St. George's Gazette").

We are indebted to the "War Dragon" for the following:-

Hidden Treasure. Some by-products of the War.

From time immemorial the rag and bone merchant has, of course, been regarded as a highly respectable and useful member of the community, if a somewhat humble and unpicturesque figure, but with the war his office has assumed a new dignity and importance. When the

full history of the present great struggle is written surely one of the brightest chapters will be "The Romance of the By-Products."

The "Officer i/c Camp Refuse"—or, as he is more familiarly known.
"O.C. Fat and Bone"—is a power in the land. Although, as a rule, a mere sub., he enjoys the priceless privilege of hobnobbing with the members of that mysterious fraternity, the Wearers of Brass Hats, on terms of familiarity which strike his fellows as absolutely amazing. The O.C. F. and B. soon becomes an expert in the art of disposing of all kinds of by-products in the public interest.

In a Brigade which shall be nameless-(the writer has no desire to fall foul of the Censor or to suffer penalties under the Defence of the Realm Act)-there is a most enthusiastic and able young sub. in charge of the By-Product Department. He simply revels—figuratively speaking, of course—in "dripping (white or brown)," "butchers' fat," "bones (marrow or 'others')" and—sweet word!—"cracklings;" and he is

never happier than when stalking some prospective purchaser of swill.

It was a hot summer day, and the camp was filled with mosquitos, temper, and things of that sort. The Master Cook had reported to the Q.M.S. that no transport had called at the cookhouse to take the precious fat, bone and dripping (encased in three sacks and two boxes) to the railway station for transit to the appointed market. The Q.M.S. rang up the Battalion Orderly Room to ask that the necessary transport be forwarded to the cookhouse at once. Owing to a slight error by a clerk in taking the message, the Adjutant gave instructions that "all available transport parade at the Q.M. Stores immediately," with the result that, in a few moments, five limbered waggons, drawn by ten panting, foam-flecked horses, and driven by a quintette of perpiring men, appeared on the scene. The three sacks and two boxes hereinbefore mentioned, containing the by-products, had been placed in a shady spot under a hedge at the extreme corner of the camp, but

a stady spot finder a neede at the extreme corner of the camp, but when the order was given to load no trace of the treasure could be found. Strong men gasped. Who was responsible for the outrage?

Bad news travels quickly, the O.C. F. and B. (who belonged to the Battalion across the way) arrived post haste. The excitement which ensued baffled all description—or, at any rate, is beyond the powers of the present writer to adequately express. The consternation which followed the loss of the Cardinal's ring in "The Jackdaw of Rheims' was quite a mild affile compared with the fot and how extent and the quite a mild affair compared with this fat and bone stunt, and the story of the lady who lingered too long in the "Mistletoe Bough" oaken chest an "also ran."

Who had been guilty of this awful crime? O.C. F. and B. declared emphatically that "the stuff couldn't have walked off" (that was carried without a division); the Master Cook was flattened out; the Q.M.S. (who, it was rumoured, in fairly civil life had been something of a journalist and had been present at a number of criminal trials) confessed that he had never run up against anything so mysterious as this. A hue and cry went up. At all costs the fat, the bone, the dripping white, the dripping brown, the bones and the luscious cracklings must be recovered, and the criminal, or criminals, responsible brought to book. In the absence of the C.O., the Adjutant was appealed to by O.C. F. and B., but, whichever way one looked, there seemed to be no gleam of light. The Second in Command was called to counsel, but had to admit that he was badly bunkered. The Q.M.S. had all the transport drivers paraded, and interrogated each individually to find out who had removed the fat, the bone, the dripping, and-the cracklings. If any man had carted them away in error, let him be a man and say so. He would receive a free pardon. If any man had removed the pre-cious goods of malice aforethought, let that man make a clean breast of the whole affair. He would be recommended to mercy.

But every driver was prepared to swear, by all he held most sacred,

that he had not that morning touched, or even seen, the butchers' fat, the bones (marrow and others), the dripping, or the cracklings. O.C. F. and B., whose keen anxiety for his beloved by-products had by this time changed to intense indignation towards the person responsible for their removal, hinted darkly that the only course open to him was to "report the whole matter to the Brigade." Things were indeed serious. Visions of red bands and gorget patches figuring in the hunt flitted through the minds of those present. It was the last day of the month, and O.C. F. and B. must clear his books. Was the good work of the preceding twenty-seven days to be marred by a disaster such as the loss of the last consignment? It was unthinkable!

As the day wore on there were no signs of the missing dripping, bones, fat, or—cracklings. And, let it not be forgotten that it was the end of the month—the time when "return of by-products saved" goes to

High Quarters.

How it came out the writer does not know, but it appears that a lance-corporal in charge of the sanitary squad had, in a casual way, mentioned to someone that he had stowed some "old fat and bones" away in certain bins, ash, movable, in order that the flies might not get at them. Sure enough, there, reposing peacefully in the bins, at the very spot where the search had begun, were the bones (marrow), bones (others), dripping (white), dripping (white). (others), dripping (white), dripping (brown), and fat (butchers'), andoh, joy !- the cracklings

The situation was saved. O.C. F. and B. was, like Richard, himself The Master Cook recovered and applied for a two-days' pass in order to celebrate the occasion. The Q.M.S. made tracks for the Mess to spread the glad tidings. The Adjutant closed "The Manual of Military Law," and gave a sigh of relief. The Second in Command filled his pipe and smiled softly.

And a certain lance-corporal in charge of a sanitary squad heard a few home truths from the Quartermaster on the subject of poking a few home into other neonle's business.

C.J.M.

From the "London Gazette." REGULAR FORCES.

Second Lieut. G. W. Press relinquishes the acting rank of Captair (September 4th).

Temporary Lieut. W. E. Roberts is transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in the same rank (August 28th, with seniority September 29th, 1915).

Temporary 2nd Lieut. A. D. Bateman is appointed an Equipment Officer 3rd Class Royal Flying Corps, and is transferred to the General List.

The following Temporary 2nd Lieutenants (attached) are transferred to Service Battalions, with seniority shown against their names:—V. L. Johnson (February 18th, 1915), A. S. Ongley (June 2nd, 1916), L. D. B. Drummond (June 12th, 1916), A. S. Richmond (July 7th, 1916), V. J. Gadban (July 7th, 1916).

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The following N.C.O.'s and men are appointed Temporary 2nd Lieutenants on probation in the Service Battalions from the H.A.C. T.F., dated October 3rd, 1916: Lance-Corpl. C. L. A. Hutchinson, Lance-Corpl. F. G. Yeo, Private J. Parfitt Bigg.

Major A. K. Grant, D.S.O., has been appointed a G.S.O. 2nd Grade (October 15th, 1916).

Lieut. R. L. Travers is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (October 11th, 1916).

Lieut, C. H. Windrum has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps, and is seconded (October 23rd, 1916).

2nd Lieut, A. F. Quinlan has been appointed a Flying Officer in the Royal Flying Corps and is seconded (October 27th, 1916).

The undermentioned Cadets to be Temporary 2nd Lieutenants on probation (attached): L. V. Barnes, A. L. Hart, L. E. Mumford, K. R. Sayers, F. A. Mansfield, D. F. W. Tanner (October 25th, 1916).

Temporary Second Lieutenant (attached) H Cooper relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health (November 16th, 1916).

Temporary Captain A. E. Dickinson, from a Reserve Battalion, has been transferred to a Service Battalion (May 31st, 1916, with seniority from November 12th, 1915).

Second Lieut, O. M. Fry is promoted Lieutenant (October 11th, 1916).

Temporary Second Lieut. (attached) A. G. Anslow resigns his commission (November 19th, 1916).

Captain N. I. Whitty is promoted Temporary Major while Second in Command of a Service Battalion (September 27th, 1915).

Liqui, (Temporary Captain) W. J. Alderman is appointed Adjutant of a Service Battalion, vice Captain G. E. Wingfield-Stratford (September 19th, 1916).

Second Lieut, E. W. Sheppard, M.C. (Acting Captain Lancashire Fusiliers) is promoted Lieutenant (October 23rd, 1916).

The undermentioned Temporary Captains from Reserve Battalions to be Temporary Captains (attached) (September 1st, 1916), retaining their Army Seniority:—R. W. Grant, C. F. Webber, E. S. Holland, L. M. Kepp Page, C. W. R. Knight.

The undermentioned Temporary Lieutenants from Reserve Battalions to be Temporary Lieutenants (attached) (September 1st. 1916), retaining their Army Seniority:—C. Tuff, H. P. Johnson, C. I. Blackburn-Maze, A. Reeves, F. S. M. Bowen, C. E. Lovell, H. R. Thompson, N. B. Green, D. Russell, H. L. Lewis, A. D. L. Wilson, F. G. Frazer, A. G. Stigand.

The following N.C.O.'s and men are appointed Second Lieutenants, on probation, in our Service Battalions:—Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant T. C. Wright, from the R.F.A.; Privates D. J. Dean and K. Thompson-Smith, from the London Regiment, T.F. (October 4th, 1916).

Major H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop D.S.O., relinquishes the rank of Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel (September 12th, 1916): Major R. Lynch White, D.S.O., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst commanding a Battalion (September 24th, 1916).

The undermentioned Officers to be Acting Captains whilst Commanding a Company:—2nd Lieut. F. T. Harrison, S.R. (from September 5th to October 10th, 1916), Temporary 2nd Lieut. E. A. Jenkinson (from September 6th to October 10th, 1916)., Temporary Lieut. J. J. Scott, and 2nd Lieutenant R. H. Cale, S.R. (October 11th, 1916).

Temporary Major N. I. Whitty to be Acting Licutenant-Colonel whilst Commanding a Battalion.

Captain G. E. Wingfield-Stratford has been appointed a G-S.O. 3rd Grade, and relinquishes the Adjutancy of a Service Battalion.

The following Temporary Lieutenants to be Temporary Captains:—Sir H. C. W. Hawley, Bart. (September 27th, 1915), H. S. Brown (May 2nd, 1916).

Second Lieut, T. R. Gilby to be Temporary Lieutenant (September 27th, 1915).

The following Second Lieutenants to be Acting Lieutenants: W. D. Batteshill, from E. Surrey Regiment, T.F. (June 2nd, 1916), G. H. Huggan, S.R. (July 20th, 1916).

Captain W. K. Tillie, M.C., Machine Gun Corps, formerly Adjutant of one of our Service Battalions, has been promoted Temporary Major (October 1st. 1916).

The undermentioned Cadets to be Second Lieutenants on probation attached to Regular Battalions: H. Booth and E. Ibbetson (October 25th, 1916).

The undermentioned Temporary Second Lieutenants (attached) are transferred to Service Battalions, with seniority shown against their names:—F. R. Hogbin (September 5th, 1916), A. K. Harding, J. N. Mothersill, B. T. Comins, F. E. E. Norris (August 5th, 1916), H. N. H. Bothamley (December 30th, 1914), A. Croneen (September 25th, 1915), W. N. Hall, F. Squire, G. Radclyffe, B. W. Ashworth (August 5th, 1916).

Cadet C. H. Griffith to be Temporary Second Lieutenant on probation (attached) (October 25th, 1916).

Temporary Major W. F. Soames to be Acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst commanding a Service Battalion.

The date of promotion to the temporary rank of Major of Temporary Captain A. E. Phillips is ante-dated to October 12th, 1915.

The date of promotion to the temporary rank of Captain of Temporary 2nd Lieut. H. Warren is ante-dated to October 12th, 1915

The following are promoted Temporary Captains:—Temporary Lieut. D. H. Skinner (since died of wounds) (December 20th, 1915). Temporary 2nd Lieut. O. C. Johnson (February 19th, 1916). Temporary 2nd Lieut. I. Heaton to be Temporary Lieutenant (March 22nd, 1916).

The following promotions are made in the Service Battalions; Temporary Lieut. W. B. Hedgson-Smith to be Temporary Captain (July 4th, 1916). To be Temporary Lieutenants: Second Lieut. W. G. Dove, Special Reserves (July 4th, 1916); Temporary Second Lieut. S. G. Wright (October 8th, 1916).

The undermentioned Temporary Second Lieutenants are transferred to Service Battalions of the North Lancashire Regiment: T. C. Parker (September 5th, 1916), G. B. Wardle (June 2nd, 1916), R. L. Brock (September 5th, 1916).

Brevet Lieut, Colonel T. H. C. Nunn, D.S.O., is appointed G.S.O. 1st Grade (September 5th. 1916).

Temporary Lieut, M. H. Carre, M.C., relinquishes the acting rank of Captain on ceasing to command a Company (October 7th, 1916).

Temporary Lieut. S. R. Paul, from a Service Battalion, to be Temporary Lieutenant.

Temporary Lieut. G. F. Drayson, Service Battalion, to be Temporary Captain (September 15th, 1916), and Temporary 2nd Lieut. L. A. H. Gingell. Service Battalion, to be Temporary Lieutenant (September 15th, 1916).

The following Officers relinquish the acting rank of Captain: Temporary Lieut, J. J. Scott and 2nd Lieut, R. H. Cale, S.R. (November 5th, 1916).

Temporary 2nd Lieut, O. Willis, Service Batts, relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health (December 7th, 1916).

The following Temporary Second Lieutenants (attached) are transferred to Service Batts, with seniority shown against their names; F. N. Holt (November 13th, 1914), H. G. Dix (August 5th, 1916), A. Bell (September 5th, 1916), T. Rooney (September 5th, 1916).

Second Lieut, G. R. Taylor is transferred from attached to Regular Battalions as Temporary Officer.

Major E. A. Fagan, Commandant 36th Jacob's Horse, has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel (February 16th, 1916). This officer formerly served in our 1st Battalion.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Cadets F. C. Westmacott and A. Drumgold (October 25th, 1916), D. A. Hodges, J. McH. Crombie and H. L. Shrimpton (November 22nd, 1916) are appointed Second Lieutenants, on probation.

Captain F. H. H. Liebenrood to be Temporary Major while employed as Instructor at the Machine Gun Corps Training Centre.

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The undermentioned Second Lieutenants, on probation, are confirmed in their rank; G. W. Hindle, C. A. Smellie, H. R. H. Bullman and W. J. Ewen.

Captain G. D. Hall is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army (September 20th, 1916).

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Second Lieutenant R. W. Cornell is transferred to the Grenadier Guards (December 2nd, 1916, but with seniority as from July 27th, 1916). * * * *

Captain C. W. H. Taylor has been appointed an Assistant Provost Marshal, gradedf or purposes of pay as a D.A.A.G. (August 9th, 1916).

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TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Second Lieutenant D. F. Hampson, attached to a Provisional Battalion, relinquishes his commission on joining the Royal Military College (November 3rd, 1916).

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Second Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) J. H. Selfe to be Adjutant, vice Second Lieut. (Temporary Captain) A. W. K. Brackett (November 4th, 1916).

Second Lieutenant A. B. Winch, Prov. Battalion, is now seconded for duty with another Prov. Battalion (April 29th, 1916).

* * * * * * Major J. R. Earl Stanhope, M.C. (Captain Reserve of Officers), has been appointed a G.S.O., Second Grade (November 3rd, 1916).

Lieut.-Colonel C. L. W. Wallace, from Royal West Surrey Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) (November 21st, 1916).

Captain H. J. Cobb is transferred to the Territorial Force Reserve (November 30th, 1916). * * * * * *

Cadet C. P. Oliver is appointed Second Lieutenant on probation (November 23rd, 1916).

The following Second Lieutenants are confirmed in their rank: H. Gover and F. Underwood (November 30th, 1916).

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* * * * Second Lieutenant E. M. Neame to be Temporary Lieutenant (September 9th, 1916).

The following Second Lieutenants to be Temporary Lieutenants whilst serving with the King's African Rifles: A. F. Chalkley, C. T. whilst serving with the chattell.

The following Second Lieutenants are confirmed in their rank: H. N. Love, C. F. Ward, R. J. G. Cartmell and R. J. Hilman,

The King has approved of the appointment of the following Officers to the Indian Army Reserve of Officers:—To be Lieutenaut: Lieutenaut C. L. L. Stokes, 1/5th Batt. (September 5th, 1916, but to rank from September 2nd, 1914). To be Second Lieutenaut, with the temporary rank of Lieutenaut: Temporary Lieut, G. Rooker, 1/4th Battalion (September 5th, 1916, but to rank as Second Lieutenaut from August 5th, 1914, and as Temporary Lieutenaut from October 1st, 1914).

IN MEMORIAM.

'MAJOR R. J. ROCHE.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Quartermaster and Hon. Major R. J. Roche, late of the Regiment, which occurred at his residence, 7, Britannia Terrace, Gorlesfon-on-Sea, on December 6th, aged 67.

He will be remembered with affection and esteem by all who ever served with him. Thoroughly conversant with all his duties, and strict in the performance of them, he was at the same time most conciliatory and courteous. never spared himself so long as there was any work to be done, and his death was caused by the untiring performance of his onerous duties as Quartermaster of the Depot, Royal Fusiliers, at Hounslow, to which post he was appointed on August 15th, 1914. This was the second time that he volunteered for duty after his retirement, having previously served at our Depot during the South African War. His services then were invaluable, and were recognised by his being granted the honorary rank of Major. He had the most wonderful memory for even the smallest details, and could tell you something about any officer or man who had ever served with him, and give you the regimental number of any man you chose to name. We regret we have been unable to obtain his full record of service, the following particulars only being available. The son of a Sergeant in the 50th, he enlisted as a boy, and after 18 years' service in the ranks, during which time he held the appointment of Paymaster Sergeant for many years, and later that of Quartermaster-Sergeant, he received his commission as Quartermaster of the 1st Battalion on July 5th, 1882, he afterwards was Quartermaster of the 4th Militia Battalion until its disbandment in 1889, when he was transferred to the 4th Militia Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. He retired in 1893. He served in the New Zealand Campaign, 1864-66 (Medal), also in the Egyptian Expedition, 1882 (Medal and Bronze Star) and in the Sudan-Nile Expedition of 1884-85 (Clasp, Nile). was also in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

We regret to announce the death of Private George Joseph Rutledge, late No. 320, 1st Battalion, which occurred after a painful illness on November 3rd at Peppard, near Henley-on-Thames. He served in the Nile Expedition of 1884-85 and received the medal and clasp and Khedive Star. He was laid to rest in Peppard Churchyard.

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